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THE GLAD TIDINGS

"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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A New Year's Message

1927—And the door was shut.
1928—Behold, I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it.—Rev. 3:8.

THE closing days of the old year, with their echoes of peace and good-will to men, have passed, and that door is shut. Behold the open door of the New Year lies before us. What awaits us there?

In childhood's days, I loved to stand and gaze through the open door of a lovely old manse. In front were wonderful trees, with birds which seemed to whisper of God and beauty. A little path led to a meadow with blue columbines, and on at last to the school-house; near by was the rapid river, with sources in another country, flowing on to the St. Lawrence and the sea; in the distance the hills, and on two sides the roads leading to mysterious places heard of but not seen; overhead the sky and sunshine and sometimes stars.

Far removed is that door where childhood's eyes gazed and caught a vision, felt but not then understood.

Now as then life's parable lies before our eyes as we gaze through the door. Life's path of little daily duties is still about our homes, and flowers of love and beauty bloom around us, and the way still leads to where we may study and learn service, and our thoughts and prayers flow like the river, out to all the world. Along the roads are weary travellers and the sick and needy, awaiting the Good Samaritan help.

May the members of the W.M.S. travel gladly the opening avenues this coming year, sending heralds over highways and byways to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love. He is our Guide through rough places of sorrow and heights of joy, and if we but follow as He plans, He will enable each one of us to say:

"I know not how He marks the way
By what mysterious force:
I only know my duty is
To follow in the course." —*R. Stead.*

May each and all closely follow and find a glad and joyous New Year.

Mary C. McCarroll.

Editorial

In 1928

"I PRAY that He may send you all you need
To meet the daily stress of work and prayer:
Health for the body, that the spirit, freed
From every hindering thought and care, may speed
Straight to the Heart of God and shelter there.
Strength for the mind, that every latent power
May be inspired by God the Spirit's Might,
And rise responsive to it hour by hour
In secret joy or through interior night;
Peace for the soul, so deep, so strong, so sure,
So hidden in the Love of God, so pure,
That all your life, within, without, may be
A holy shrine of deepening sanctity."

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be observed on Friday, February 24th, 1928. There is something very inspiring in the thought that this observance is interracial as well as interdenominational and international, and that on the day set, we may have fellowship with those of practically every country under the sun who love Christ and whose dominating purpose is to establish His Kingdom throughout the earth.

The Interim Committee of the Women's Mission Boards of Canada, who has charge of the service for Canada, has given much prayerful thought to the preparation of the programme for our people. It appears on page 20. As the meeting is earlier than last year leaders are asked to start preparation in ample season, and not to overlook the young people in their plans.

We would also commend to your attention the Prayer Service for Presbyterian Women, to be held on January 6th, for which a special programme was prepared and appeared in the December issue.

SISTER SOCIETIES in the Antipodes have sent us word that both have taken up the Day of Prayer through receiving the Canadian programme, and they express the hope that our W.M.S. will let them know the date of the meeting of the Interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer in 1928. The readers will be glad to know that they also, "enjoy very

much your fine magazine, *Glad Tidings,* and look forward to its arrival, and very often find help in it. It is brimful of missionary expansion.''

DR. JESSIE MACBEAN is once more in Hackett Medical College, Canton. Everything is perfectly peaceful and work is going along splendidly. The Consuls have allowed all country missionaries to go back to their stations which means that they are not expecting any trouble in the near future. ''Hackett'' has cabled for all her staff who are at home to come at once, before Christmas, if possible, which is most reassuring.

A CABLE HAS BEEN RECEIVED announcing the safe arrival of Miss MacMurchy in Bombay, on December 11th.

Mrs. Strachan, having completed the first half of the visitation of fields, sailed for Canada, December 7th, and was expected to arrive in Vancouver on Christmas Day.

THE MISTAWASIS RESERVE is an outstanding example of what earnest missionaries and a loyal devoted people can accomplish. On September 1st, a school was opened for the Indian children on the Reserve, and two months later this cheering news came from Mrs. Moore:

''We have organized a Women's Auxiliary, also a Mission Band. The managers have decided to build a new Church so the women are working hard to be able to help with the finances. We should like also to be able to send some to the Women's Missionary Society after our annual meeting.

We had a delightful Thanksgiving service on Sabbath, November 6th. The women and I met and decorated the Church and it really looked lovely. They brought all kinds of grains, vegetables, fruit, and also flowers. The Church was completely filled, and the singing of the Thanksgiving hymns was really splendid. Some of them remarked that they were giving thanks that their school was to be kept open. I cannot express in words my gratitude that you have undertaken this very important work.''

A MATTER OF PLEASURE to the minister and church at North Battleford is that the Persian people have contributed over one hundred dollars towards the purchase price of the Presbyterian Church there which they recently acquired. They are all so glad over this gift for it means that the Persians have some interest in the building. Rev. E. O. Eshoo has been conducting a mission among these people for some time and this interest in the upbuilding of the Church, is largely due to his work and

influence. We deeply regret that illness has necessitated his taking a prolonged holiday.

THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE recently voted the sum of five hundred dollars towards the furnishing of the new Missionary and Deaconess Training Home. A further donation of one hundred and fifty dollars has been gratefully received from an Affiliated Young Women's Auxiliary of Fort William.

OUR DEEP SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to three of our missionaries who have been called to part with loved ones: Miss Ethel Reid who has lost a brother, Miss Williamson, our missionary to India, a beloved father, and to Rev. George Nichol, of British Guiana, whose wife has passed away leaving a little baby. As we go to press word has come of the sudden death of Miss Danielda McDonald, our missionary to the Jews in Toronto for nearly a quarter of a century. Further notice will appear in next issue.

WE AGAIN ASK OUR MEMBERS specially to remember in prayer the Student Convention to be held in Detroit, Mich., December 28th, 1927, to January 1st, 1928.

WILL PRESBYTERIAL SUPPLY SECRETARIES run their pencil through the second line under "notes" in report forms. Sentence 1. should end at *forms.*

THE CANADIAN SCHOOL OF MISSIONS celebrated its entry upon the seventh year of work on October 12th by a reception. It was largely attended by missionaries, of whom there are a great many in Toronto this season on account of conditions in China, students both men and women, candidates for missionary service abroad, officials and members of the Canadian Mission Boards under whose auspices the school is maintained, also professors and their wives from the theological colleges of the city. Dr. J. Lovell Murray, Director of the School, outlined the courses for the year and made plain to the missionaries and candidates that the school was being maintained for their benefit.

Prior to this reception the fall meeting of the Council was held. The work of the preceding year was reviewed and it was announced that 114 missionaries and candidates had been enrolled in the various courses offered by the school, and a great many had been assisted in securing individual instruction along diversified lines. It was the feeling of the Council that the school had now assumed proportions which would make its removal to more adequate quarters essential. The affiliation of the Presbyterian Board of Missions and Knox College brings the total number of co-operating units up to twelve.

THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD in a recent number gave a most interesting account of the laying of the corner stone of the Bible House in Jerusalem. The ceremony in connection with this event is described thus: "The High Commissioner for Palestine laid the stone and the dedication service was conducted by Dr. MacInnes, Bishop in Jerusalem. Bishops of the Greek, Armenian, Coptic and Syrian Churches were present, as well as the Abbot of the Abyssinian Church. The missionaries working in Palestine flocked to the service, which will be long remembered by all who attended. Jerusalem—apart from its sacred associations—still stands as a strategic center for Bible work. There peoples of many races meet. We cannot tell what may be in store for the Christian Church in Jerusalem. It may one day become the mother of many churches still undreamed of by even the boldest missionary dreamer. One thing is certain: as long as the Bible is the center and source of Christian teaching God will bless the work of the Jerusalem Church."

DR. JESSIE MACBEAN ASKS:

That we would inform her friends throughout Canada that her bag with all her Christmas mail has been stolen, and worst of all, her address book containing the names of the friends whom she wished to remember at this time.

We regret her loss of valuables and our loss of cards, but no one can steal from us her good wishes for Christmas and the New Year which come to us all by way of *Glad Tidings.*

Impressions by the Way

NOTES BY THE DEPUTATION VISITING THE FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

ON arriving at Yokohama on the morning of October 3rd we were met at the boat by Dr. Caroline Macdonald, to whose hospitality and good offices we are immeasurably indebted. Dr. Macdonald's intimate knowledge of Japanese affairs and her influence with leaders of thought and action enabled us to learn and accomplish what might otherwise have required months. Her labors, for the past twenty-five years, on behalf of factory employees and prisoners, during and after their incarceration, have won the good will of many influential Japanese. She has become internationally known. In recognition of her eminent services in Japan the University of Toronto conferred upon her the degree of

LL.D. Many other honors have come to her; but perhaps the decoration she prizes most highly is a copper sen (½ cent), bequeathed to her in a formal will, as his sole earthly possession, by a noted criminal, whom she was instrumental in leading, before his execution for shocking murders, into the peace of God. Not the least prized of her distinctions is membership in the Kirk Session of a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Japan. We are thankful that our Church in Canada helps to support her excellent work.

Japan may be a land of mystery; it certainly is a land of charm. Its scenery; mountains "confusedly hurled like fragments of an earlier world," rushing streams and tiny fields make an attractive picture. In this picture also appear, its men, lithe, active, happy, obliging; its women in native costume, gayly colored yet never offending the severest taste; its babies, here, there and everywhere; there are so many of them. The population of Japan on the first of October, 1925 was 59,736,822 and it is rapidly increasing. Supposing the growth is maintained at the rate of 1925, Japan proper will have by the spring of 1962—that is in thirty-five years—a population of not less than one hundred million. Being mountainous, only about seventeen per cent. of the land is regarded as capable of cultivation. Of necessity the people are closely packed. Into the same space England puts 226 people and Japan 969.

The history of Japan, like that of most nations, is ancient and modern. Following the "age of the gods" the first Mikado, Jummu Tenno, is said to have ascended the throne B.C. 660. Of him and his successors for a thousand years, outside of legend, little is known. Even fifty years ago Japan was a *terra incognita,* or at the best, a geographical name, but to-day she is a respected member of the great comity of nations. Commodore Perry's mission in 1853 demanded the opening of the country for commerce. The great revolution by which the Emperor was restored to his subjects, who had not looked on an Emperor for a thousand years, took place in 1858. Thenceforward movement in the line of modern progress has been bewilderingly rapid. In an equal time perhaps no nation has undergone greater changes. Whirled in so many directions at once a measure of perplexity is inevitable. There is intense anxiety to catch up with and keep place in the great procession of the nations. The situation has psychological significance. It resembles the boy's anxiety to attain recognition of his manhood. Strong elemental forces, which he may but dimly understand, are pulsing within him. He may be painfully self-conscious but he is arriving, the glow of glorious promise on his brow. Japan is taking her place confidently. Her development is apparent and rapid. She is the second best electrified country in the world. Tall chimneys are appearing everywhere.

In 1923, a total of 76,734 tons of shipping was launched. In 1925 no less than 10,842 applications for patent rights were registered by Japanese. The Imperial Rescript, promulgated in 1872, enjoined that, "Henceforward education shall be so diffused that there may not be a village with an ignorant family nor a family with an ignorant member." This may be regarded as an ideal but ideals are the stars by which men guide their course.

The grip of religion on the Japanese soul will not be questioned by anyone who has visited the great shrines and marked the enormous expenditure of thought, toil and money involved in their erection and maintenance, and has also observed sympathetically the behaviour of the multitude of devotees. Call it what one will, superstition, patriotism or the response of affection to the memory of revered ancestors, there is a something here that calls to Japan's soul—and it is a spiritual call.

The state treats Shintoism, Buddhism and Christianity, as they exist in Japan, with equal tolerance and perfect fairness and strictly in conformity with the constitution which guarantees absolute freedom of faith. Shintoism (the way of the gods), the indigenous cult of Japan that has existed from time immemorial, is essentially a system of nature worship and can scarcely be called a religion. Thirteen officially recognized sects exist and they all profess as a cardinal article of faith their precepts handed down by the "Divine Ancestors." In 1925, Shintoism's thirteen sects reported a total of 112,753 shrines and 14,581 priests.

Buddhism was introduced into Japan from China in very early days. Through a subtle adaptation of the doctrine of transmigration of souls it allied itself to the ancient Shinto cult. Japan's debt to Buddhism is said to be very great. One can scarcely view the masterly specimens of architecture in the great shrines, or the paintings and sculpture to be seen for instance at Kyoto, without realizing the splendid contribution to Japanese life made by the Buddhists who came from India, China and Korea in those far off days when those countries were much more advanced than Japan. In the course of the years, Buddhism like Shintoism, has divided into several sects. In no land and at no stage of civilization can human thought be made to run in one mold. Twelve main sects are recognized. The department of education reports the combined Buddhist sects in 1922 as having a total of 71,288 temples and 54,203 priests.

(To be continued.)

"May you go forth into the New Year unafraid, because you are in the good and holy keeping of the Guardian of our days and years."

Hungarian Presbyterians

Rev. Frank Kovacs

MANY of my readers will be surprised to hear, that Hungarians—or as we call ourselves, Magyars—are not Austrians, and that we are Presbyterians by birth. For it was an Austrian policy to becloud everything Magyar to the world and to make Germans and Catholics of the people that had a thousand year old antipathy toward Austria. No wonder, that Catholics in Hungary are often called Germans, and Calvinists, Magyars, because the latter Church stood for true patriotic Magyar ideals and the other for Austrian influence. In fact, half of the real Magyars are Calvinists, or Presbyterians—if one uses the name indicating the form of government. That means, there are over four million Hungarian Calvinists.

By order of the treaty of Trianon, Hungary was cut into six parts, only a fifth of the original country being left to the nation. This division resulted in the dismemberment of the Reformed Church of Hungary. That however is not the worst feature of the situation. Magyar Presbyterians are being systematically exterminated, exiled or put in jail since they are unable to accept the lower political, intellectual and religious standards of the occupying races. What is left of historic Hungary cannot support all the refugees as well as the original population. This condition forces thousands to seek a new homeland. So far Canada proved to be the most ideal in every respect for this purpose.

Aside from the fact, that Magyars can acquire any amount of rich Canadian land in place of the one they lost, they find a very powerful spiritual tie to bind them to the new home, namely our Presbyterian Church. There was no other Church for our people from the time they began to settle in the western provinces decades ago, and no other since they are coming to Ontario and all parts of Canada driven by warclouds. Even the few western missions whose student leaders were misled mustered into Union, claim to be Hungarian Reformed people and nothing else! There is an old Magyar Presbyterian settlement at Bekevar (Peace-Fort), near Kipling, Sask., comprising about one hundred and thirty families with about two hundred one year old, and four hundred two year old children and hundreds of all ages. Picture the future of that colony. They are thrifty and consequently prosperous. On the day of our evangelistic conference, last July, the beautiful Bekevar Church was surrounded with fine automobiles. All day we sat and sang and listened to lectures, each followed by discussion. But the real lecturers were the people themselves. Some of them know their Bible as their ABC, because they are not afraid to stay up on long winter nights until midnight and read the Scriptures,

discuss their problems and sing. The blessings of family worship and family Christianity are evident everywhere. This congregation is now supporting its own minister. Rev. John Kovach, during his two years of ministry along evangelistic lines, built up the work there and Dr. Eugene Molnar further developed it. While Dr. Molnar was in Bekevar, Rev. John Kovach acted as travelling missionary in Saskatchewan, where there are large groups of Magyar Presbyterians without opportunity of worshipping according to their faith. A post-graduate student, Mr. Apostol, labored in Calgary, Raymond and vicinity during last summer with good results.

In March, 1926, the writer received commission from the Home Mission Board to survey and preach to the groups settled in Ontario. It was evident at the start, that the usual mission methods would not do with them. In a few months four congregations were organized and recognized by Hamilton Presbytery, namely, in Hamilton, Welland, Port Colborne and Niagara Falls. Regular services were held in Brantford, Caledonia, Toronto, Oshawa and later in Windsor. In December, Rev. Stephen Csutoros, a minister's son, was established by the Home Mission Board in Welland, to serve the Magyar Presbyterians of that city and to preach in Port Colborne and Niagara Falls. He is a very energetic worker. His congregations are gaining in number and spiritual blessings every day. A proof of the progress in Welland is furnished by the purchase and transformation of a large building for the neighborhood work of the congregation. All the labor was given free by the people themselves. They hope to pay all debts on the building in a year or two, besides providing a good part of their minister's salary. Mr. Csutoros recently started services in Bridgeburg. This fall Rev. Dr. Eugene Molnar was engaged by the Home Mission Board for work in Windsor. By the way, he is a very interesting man, for aside from the fact, that he is a former theological professor and writer on philosophical themes, he is a descendant of Szenczi Molnar, who might be called the Hungarian Knox. The prospects of the Magyar field at Windsor are further brightened by the news, that Mrs. Molnar is one of the prominent pianists of Hungary and a teacher of the Royal Conservatory of Music at Budapest, furloughed by that institution to join her husband and assist in his work with her great talent. Music has been ever a great instrument in the hand of God in turning men to himself.

In the ten congregations in Ontario we have nearly six hundred members, about two thousand adherents and the number of those immediately affected by the various services of these groups amount to nearly ten thousand, for, to-day, the dominating element among our Hungarians in the above mentioned settlements are the Presbyterian congregations. These congregations raised nearly five thousand dollars for all purposes in the first eighteen months of their existence, which considering the unemployment and the moderate financial situation of our

people, is quite an achievement. At six points regular Sunday services are held, with semi-monthly or monthly services at the rest. In most groups the absence of women is greatly felt. Men leave their families behind when they come to Canada to establish their new home and until they pay their debts incurred by travelling and earn enough for their families' transportation, they cannot join them. Many spend as much as ten years yearning vainly for their beloved ones. Aside from the social dangers this situation is saturated with, no Church can be successfully built up without the participation of women and no element of the population can be really happy and make progress unless families are its backbone. Wherever families are numerous, women organize their society and are a great help.

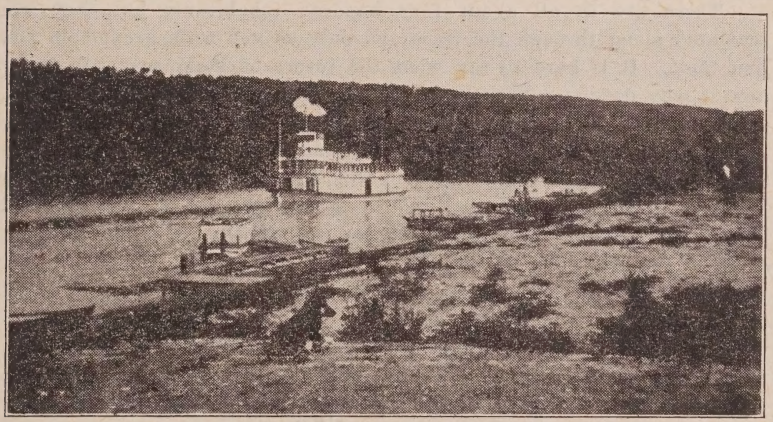
The influence of our work is already felt everywhere. A great power for good in our hands is our magazine, the *Observer*, or *Figyelo*. It goes to every Presbyterian home, wherever services are held. All the ministers are contributing articles and co-operating in various ways. Mrs. Rose Kovacs is associate editor of the *Observer* and due to her literary ability (she has been recognized in Hungary as a literary star) as well as her pedagogical talent, she contributes a good deal of the spiritual treasurers of our magazine. Our people have no access to all the religious and wholesome literature that is available through the medium of the English language; even if they learn English in a few years, it takes decades in most cases before the moderately educated person will be able to understand or read the English of spiritual things. In the interim, the period of formation, the soul often falls away from faith in God and is generally a subject for all kinds of destructive influences. *The Figyelo* is daily progressing toward self support. Attainment of that object will come nearer if all those who are and should be interested in this phase of our Mission Board's work, at least one in every W.M.S. group and one of each session will subscribe to our magazine. For with the increase of our subscription list and co-operation of advertisers, we shall be able to maintain this important organ without outside assistance.

There are three more reasons for thanksgiving in connection with the Hungarian work. Three of our students are at present preparing themselves for the service of the Master and His people, under the care of Knox College. Mr. Bela Buchin, already referred to, is studying theology, while John Kovach and Gabriel Szakacs are hoping to become medical missionaries. John's father is well known in Canada as the pioneer Hungarian Presbyterian minister of Saskatchewan, and Gabriel is a son of Beni Szakacs, who is a real patriach of that biblical Presbyterian settlement, Bekevar. May God give these young men as well as everyone involved in or preparing for the work of the Kingdom through our great Church strength to accomplish God's will.

The Work of a Nurse in a Lonely Place

FORT McMURRAY was favored indeed, in mid-September, when the Rev. D. G. McQueen, D.D., and Mrs. McQueen paid a brief visit to our Hospital Unit on their way to Fitzgerald and Fort Smith.

Mrs. McQueen thus describes the events that crowded the two days they spent in this outpost point of our outer Empire. Through her eyes we see this far distant place, the brave pioneers, our heroic nurse, and those to whom she ministers. The story runs thus: "Yesterday morning a woman came in to have her thumb dressed. She had cut it with an axe and felt faint and sick through loss of blood. A cup of hot coffee, and an antiseptic dressing restored her, and she went away feeling better.



FORT McMURRAY, ALTA.

This evening we called on Miss Ross' last patient, a nice looking young Irish woman and her infant who was born in the Hospital. The baby looked well and thriving, but the little mother pale and not very strong but in good heart and able to look after her baby. We visited a number of others who have at some time been patients and they all seem to welcome the nurse as their friend.

The evenings are already getting cold and I can imagine what living here through the long winter means where the days are short and the nights long and cold, with no tracks made through the snow. The floors are cold as the hospital is built without a cellar or basement of any kind, simply logs laid down on the ground and the flooring of boards put over them. However, Miss Ross is to have the entire floor covered with

heavy paper then linoleum, and rugs on the top of that. It is almost impossible to have warm feet in a house built as this one is.

There are no modern conveniences and you can imagine what it means to have a wood fire to keep up, water to be brought from a well, and the trivial round of duties, which make up a nurse's life here. Miss Ross' life, however, is well worth while and she is making it brighter and better for all around her, and her words and example will live on in the hearts and homes long after she has ceased to minister to the people here.

We met the husband of the woman who came two hundred and fifty miles with a dog train to the Hospital and he says the baby born here is now walking around and he seemed much pleased that his wife did not have to go all the way to Edmonton.

There are in all about four hundred inhabitants but they are scattered along through the trees and only as you walk around do you find them. It is hard to say what the future of McMurray will be or how it may develop. Edmonton was not as large as McMurray when I came to live there, thirty-seven years ago. We walked along the Athabasca River and saw the tar sands and on to the salt works which are at present closed down. The Government of Alberta have decided to leave the terminal of the railway at Waterways for the present and this is not favorable for McMurray or the working of either the tar sands or the salt works at present.

The houses of the settlers are very bare and have only the plain necessities with very little comfort or beauty. You can understand what it means to the poor expectant mothers to have a haven of rest, with clean surroundings and kindly, efficient care from one who is a registered nurse and has the true Christian spirit. Miss Ross says she learned much from Mrs. Forbes, of Grande Prairie, when she was in the hospital there as Superintendent."

The Council at Jerusalem

REV. H. C. PRIEST

THOSE who had the rare privilege of hearing Rev. William Paton, of London, England, during his recent visit to Toronto, could not fail to be impressed with the vital importance and profound significance, both to the missionary enterprise abroad and to the Church at home, of the gathering that will be held at Jerusalem in the spring of 1928, beginning March 24th, and continuing through Easter day, April 8th.

Two hundred men and women representing Protestant Christians of every nation and race will assemble on the Mount of Olives, outside

Jerusalem, not for the ordinary convention or conference, but for what will be in reality an enlarged meeting of the International Missionary Council. This Council is the direct successor of the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference held in Edinburgh in 1910. It is composed of members elected by the National Missionary Conferences or Councils in the various so-called sending countries together with members appointed by the National Christian Councils in Japan, China and India and representatives from Latin America, the Near East, Africa and other parts of the world. It is the most widely representative missionary body in the world to-day.

The membership for the Jerusalem meeting has been enlarged to two hundred. The larger part of this increase will be in the number of members from mission countries. Two-thirds of the members from those lands are to be nationals. A significant feature of the gathering will be that the number of those who will come from mission lands and the number of those who will come from the sending countries will be approximately equal. Attendance upon the session of the Council will be limited to those who have been regularly elected as members by their national organizations or by the Council itself. The total allotment to the United States and Canada is thirty-five of whom Canada will send six.

Particularly significant is the character of the programme to which the Council will devote itself. There has come to Christian leaders, not only in the West but throughout the world, the deep conviction that an urgent need exists at this time for international counsel on matters of most vital concern that are common to all. The declared purpose of this enlarged meeting is to gain help in regard to those needs which are felt to be deepest and most pressing in the hearts, lives and work of articulate Christian groups around the world.

The Jerusalem meeting will seek to define afresh, in terms that will challenge this generation and will be consistent with conditions and demands in every great mission area, the aim, the character and the scope of our foreign missionary enterprise. It will also seek to arrive at some common understanding, growing out of wide previous study and unhurried prayerful consideration at Jerusalem, of certain of the great living, pressing problems with which the foreign missionary enterprise is faced to-day, the solution of which are vital to the advance of the Christian Church.

Among the subjects to which attention is being given and which will be discussed at Jerusalem will be that of The Christian Life and Message in Relation to Non-Christian Systems. The Christianity of the Churches in the mission field is being subject, especially among the better educated Christians, to the drag of nationalism which invests the ancient

religions with a new attractiveness. In India, for example, able men, like Radhakrishnan of Calcutta, are putting forward a reformed Hinduism which they claim to be better and truer than Christianity. It is essential that missionaries and indigenous pastors and leaders should be equipped to meet the challenge of non-Christian religions, stated at their best, more fully and adequately than is now the case.

On the other hand, also, we need for our missionary propaganda at home to apprehend the full richness of the Christian message as it is revealed in its contact with the non-Christian world. In preparation for the consideration of this question at Jerusalem, as indeed for all the major questions that will be under discussion, studies are now being carried on in all parts of the world with a view to enlisting the richest possible mass of Christian thinking in aid of this fundamentally Christian and evangelistic purpose.

Other subjects which are being studied and to which special attention will be given are Religious Education, the Relation between the Younger and Older Churches, The Christian Mission in the Light of Race Conflict, Industrial Developments and Rural Needs, International Co-operation and other vital themes.

It would be difficult to estimate the possible reach of the Jerusalem meeting in the reshaping and revitalizing of the missionary work of our Churches both at home and abroad. There is the call and upon us is the responsibility of giving ourselves to earnest and continuous prayer that the Spirit of God may so direct both the work of preparation, the selection of members and the deliberations of the assembled gathering that, under God, Jerusalem of 1928 may become a praise in the earth.

Our First Message from Mistawasis

MRS. J. W. MOORE

WE have received two splendid bales from Toronto. They contained an ample supply of Christmas gifts, about two dozen quilts, and many garments for both boys and girls, and some for grown people. I never helped to open better bales. Every article is splendid but the Christmas presents are exquisite, and we are so delighted, because we really love these little children, and hope to have a nice entertainment for them at Christmas time. We are teaching them recitations, and the older people, notably those who have been educated at our schools, are preparing music, dialogues, and so on and we hope to have a good time D.V.

We thought only fifteen children were available for the school, but we find the parents coming with many whom we had thought were too

young, and we have to refuse some on account of not having accommodation for them. We were also told that if we could take in the children who are at distant boarding schools that the parents would like to send them to the school on the reserve which belongs to our own Church. We were asked last Sunday if we could take twenty of these children, if so, they would be taken to our school at once, as that proviso was made when they were sent away.

We have organized a Mission Band and hope that the children who are now growing up will be equipped to take their place in religious work and help to send the gospel of Jesus Christ to others who are as ignorant of our Saviour as these people were when our Church first sent missionaries to them. It is over forty years since I began work amongst the Sioux Indians in Portage la Prairie, and one can scarcely realize that they are the same people, so mightily has the gospel done its work in that time.

OUR LETTER BOX

On the Way to India

S.S. City of Exeter, at Sea,
September 30, 1927.

"The journey so far has been very pleasant. The sea is quite calm and if it does not get unbearably hot, we should enjoy every minute of it.

We have met a party of missionaries going out under the American Presbyterian Board. They are very congenial. We shall likely meet them again in India. At Naples the Y.M.C.A. Secretary for India, Mr. Hume, his wife and two children, came on board. Mr. Macdonald tells us that five generations of their family have been in mission work in India.

It was about noon on Tuesday when we docked at Naples. We went ashore after lunch and visited the Museum and saw many relics brought from Pompeii and Herculaneum. Then we hired a car and drove about for a couple of hours. The streets are narrow, dirty and rough. Traffic seems to go either to left or right, anywhere, so long as it gets by. The buildings are close to the streets and the gardens are hidden behind great walls. What we could see were very beautiful. Rich and poor apparently live side by side. Vesuvius, in the background, was sending up some smoke. We did not try to go out to the mountain, we were satisfied to see it from a distance.

Many men selling such things as beads, bracelets, shawls, boxes, luncheon sets, etc., were allowed to come on board and we had our first

taste of eastern bargaining. It is a frightful business, but I suppose we shall come to it or be robbed. Our boat took on a huge cargo of potatoes and fruit. Loading was not completed until after midnight and we sailed about 2.30 a.m.

Wednesday we were close to the Italian shore, and quite near Stromboli, which was sending up steam or smoke. We passed through the Straits of Messina but could not see Mt. Etna very clearly on account of clouds hanging over Sicily. The Italian shore was a pretty sight. The hillsides are terraced and covered with grape vines. We saw a whale in the Bay of Naples and another one was sighted Wednesday. Early this morning we passed the Island of Crete, and to-morrow we reach Port Said where a British mail is to be despatched.

A tournament of deck games is in progress, and there is much activity all the time, especially since leaving Naples, where we took on quite a number of new passengers. Last night we had a concert.''

—*Miss Marion Williamson*

The Missionaries Arrive at Amkhut

Amkhut, India.

''At 8.30 o'clock on October 18th, the three, the gift of the Church, Mr. Toombs, Miss McConnell and Miss Williamson, arrived. They were a bit late getting to Bhabra so they had, for the last part of the way, a venturesome dark ride on three ponies. The road between here and Bhabra has not yet had the rough places made smooth or the crooked places straight. In fact, the heavy rains this year have made a very bad mess of the way, so coming in through the dark was an experience for the ladies who had never ridden. Miss McConnell came off one of the ponies, but was not hurt. She showed her good sense and adaptability to the ways of the country by hanging on to the pony's neck and having the tumble on the nice soft sand of the river bed. They are quite fit.

This morning Ruth had them with the Pandit around the dining table getting them started in Hindi. Then again this afternoon the Pandit is busy with them. Every day for the months till they go to Landour to the language school is marked out, and we hope they will have a good start at the language before April 1st. We think we have got a very good Christian man as Pandit. He is to give them jointly and separately, seven hours a day.

Miss Maxwell, not only passed her first examination in Hindi last March but took the oral examination second year, the end of September, *i.e.*, on dictation, reading at sight, conversation and a short address in

Hindi, and got first class. She is now writing the papers sent by the Examination Board for the remaining written examinations and seems to be doing well. She has taken four papers yesterday and to-day, and writes the last two to-morrow. After that she will likely give special attention to work in Sardi. They need help there so much in Bible study.

Good reports come from our young men and women, nineteen were sent out for further preparation. Soon with the missionaries getting the language, we shall have a little army to help win this Bhil land.''

—*Dr. J. Buchanan.*

Rejoicing in Service

Szepingkai, Manchuria.

''We had a lovely and very profitable vacation at Peitaiho. The time, however, went as fast as anywhere else.

As to our Szepingkai? A most cordial and hearty spirit is prevailing. The day after our return each of us resumed her work, the chapel was opened as if we had not been away, and the meetings went on as usual. Good numbers attend and listen earnestly. A week ago Dr. and Mrs. Goforth went to Antung, some distance south, where Dr. Goforth had to speak at a summer conference. This left our already small force still smaller. All the work has been carried on though on the same scale. Indeed we have added a one hour's Bible class each day, and have started to try to meet those who openly decided for Christ, in an inquirer's room, for which hitherto we had not been able to provide. Also we are having daily morning prayer meetings for the workers and all the inmates of the Compound. With grief we are realizing how badly handicapped we are for lack of workers. Daily we cry to the Lord to send us helpers, whether Chinese or Westerners, if could be, both, to gather this truly ripe harvest.

I will avail myself of the opportunity to put in an earnest request for continued prayer for each of our party. We do need it and will be so relieved to know that believing and persistent prayer is going up for every effort we are honored to put forth for our Lord. We are realizing that it is only the power of God which enables us to go at the rate we are going and we certainly do go our way joyfully. But by no means can we afford to lose even one of the prayers; may they rather increase.

We certainly are grateful for all the loving interest of our Women's Board and of the Presbyterian women all over Canada. We are very glad for our Foreign Secretary, who knows China and her people so thoroughly and who is continuing her loving service for North China this way. We feel honored to be co-workers and pray to be found faithful and fruitful in that day.'' —*Miss Anna C. A. Cook.*

A Diary of Doings

Cochrane, Ont.

"We are going forward a little at a time. At the October meeting the Ladies' Aid consented to begin a regular Scripture study and have adopted the mission boxes as a link to the W.M.S. They are quite serious about the need of the study. On October 24th, the Rev. Dr. Kannawin addressed the Monday evening meeting. We had a good turnout. He gave a wonderful address, and at its close we had no trouble in organizing a Young People's Association. We were all delighted.

On November 2nd, the Ladies' Aid met by special invitation at the manse. All the members were out and several who are sure to join soon.

November 12th, the Ladies' Aid had a sale of work in the basement of the Church. Home cooking always figures largely at sales of this kind.

December 9th, we had our Christmas tree. Barrie Presbyterial and others sent me toys and things suitable. —*Miss B. I. Johnston.*

The Work of Our Deaconess-at-Large

Montreal, Quebec.

"The Montreal North Mission was opened October 9th. Rev. A. S. Reid, Rev. J. D. MacKenzie and Rev. J. G. Potter were present as were also a splendid representation from the Presbyterial and Presbyterian Women's League. The League rented a piano for us and one of the members donated hymn books. There were about seventy present.

Rev. A. S. Reid announced that there would be a morning service at eleven o'clock and Sunday School at three o'clock on Sunday, October 16th. Mr. Wright, a student, was out and we got the Sunday School organized. We have four classes, a primary, junior, intermediate and senior, with four teachers and three officers. Eighteen scholars were present in spite of the fact that it was a cold rainy afternoon. Mrs. Paton, teacher of the senior girls, organized a club last night and we hope to organize a Ladies' Aid this afternoon.

The Rosemount congregation held their first communion since the induction of the new pastor, Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, on Sunday evening, October 16th. Twenty-seven new members were received, twelve on profession of faith. There is no definite word yet of when the Church is to be erected but the people are looking forward to having a Church and the ladies are working hard, just now they are preparing for a bazarr.

The Mission Band, of which Mrs. Waite and I are associate leaders, has had two very successful meetings. Mrs. Waite and I are busy making little things to sell to get money for supplies. We had twenty-three children present yesterday. It was our work meeting. The younger

children threaded beads, the older girls were busy making dolls' slips, and the boys cut out pictures of animals for scrap books.

Mondays and Tuesdays are spent visiting in Rosemount and the remaining days in Montreal North with an odd day or so to some of the shut-ins that I have been visiting in Rev. J. D. MacKenzie's congregation.''

—Miss Mary H. Hugill

Wayside Ministries

Winnipeg, Man.

''There have been many ''gatherings of the clans''—the different branches of our Church work—since holiday time passed, and we are now fairly well started in the usual routine of the year's activities.

There are not the numbers of immigrants now, as formerly, only 128 names being received in the month of September, to definite address, 75; to the Governments hostels, 7; C.P.R. Colonization Dept., 20; C.N.R. Colonization Dept., 22; Salvation Army, 4; and to the Canadian Women's Hostel, 1.

There has, however, been plenty of work. Trains were met and appreciation shown by travellers for assistance rendered, such as sending telegrams or telephoning friends, taking them to the Hostel to get lunch before leaving, or simply visiting with them until train time. It must be very strange and lonesome for people, perhaps travelling for the first time, or all alone, to have to wait for hours in a railway station. A lady travelling alone, en route to a distant point in Alberta, was so grateful that she asked if she could not recompense me in some way. I said ''Yes, just write to me when you reach your destination, telling me of your trip. That will be the best recompense.'' She wrote a very interesting letter on her arrival at her brother's home. An interesting, though sad case was that of Miss Moyes, travelling to her brother in Victoria with his two young sons. Rev. Mr. Moyes was a missionary in China, both boys having been born there. Mrs. Moyes had died lately, while home in Scotland. I was very glad to be of some assistance to them. They were all Presbyterians so we were mutually pleased to meet.

Often when calling on the newcomers one finds in the home old acquaintances, or patients one may have nursed during the ''flu'' epidemic. The other day brought several such unexpeected meetings, and they said that the talks we had were very helpful and encouraging. So, our daily occupations may be ennobled by the thought that the work is done for the Father above, in Whose Word we read ''show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.''

The Girls' Friendly Club still meets every two weeks, but not yet in a settled place. Until we have that we cannot expect great progress. But

the girls are realizing that they have real friends in the leaders, and like to come with their problems and difficulties for help, advice, or guidance. We find this in the homes, too, especially where the mother cannot get out very well or often, or where there are "shut-ins."

—Mrs. Jean C. Howey,
Deaconess-at-Large and Welfare Worker

The World Day of Prayer

A Fellowship of Intercession for Every Woman of Every Land.

FEBRUARY 24th, 1928

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

OPENING HYMN.—Followed by the Apostles' Creed.

"Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire," or
"Spirit Divine Attend our Prayers," or
"Breathe on me Breath of God."

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF MEETING. (three minutes).

SCRIPTURE READING.—Psalm 103, or Psalm 67 with St. Luke 4:16-21.

GENERAL CONFESSION, followed by the LORD'S PRAYER (both in unison, all standing).

"Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen."

"Our Father".....

PRAYER FOR CANADA:

A. *Thanksgiving for the past* (silent prayer, following each suggested topic announced by Chairman).

Let us give thanks: For those who in courage and faith laid the foundations of Empire in righteousness, in home, school and church. (Pause).

Let us give thanks: For our material wealth and resources and industrial development. (Pause).

Let us give thanks: For the vision of those who brought about Confederation with its resultant blessings. (Pause).

B. *Prayer for Future Guidance:*

That the Spirit of Christ may dominate national life in Home, School, Industry and Government, so that righteous legislation may be enacted, pertaining to Immigration, Education, Temperance and all that makes for good citizenship.

That young men and women in all vocations may give their lives for the service of Christ and His Church.

PRAYER: FOR CHINA.—That through her tribulation she may be brought to the knowledge of God, who is the Ancient of Days, the Wonderful Counsellor, and the Prince of Peace. That Chinese Christians may have vision, courage and endurance.

FOR JAPAN.—That the Empire may be won for the Christian faith, on which alone culture can be securely based.

FOR INDIA.—That as she meets the Christ she may accept Him as "The Way, the Truth and the Life."

FOR AFRICA.—That in this time of transition, dying faith in ancient gods may give place to a strong faith in a living God, that so she may make her contribution to the enrichment of the Christian Church in the world.

(Prayer for the Christian Church in all these lands, to be included).

HYMN.—"Jesus Shall Reign."

PRAYER FOR THE MOSLEM WORLD AND FOR ALL OTHER FIELDS:

That zeal may be given the Christian Church to enter the opening doors of opportunity and that wisdom may be given her to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the right way to differing minds.

PRAYER FOR THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS:

That there may be a growing sense of brotherhood and goodwill among all peoples and that peace in righteousness may be established.

FOR THE JERUSALEM INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE:

Chairman's statement regarding Jerusalem Conference—That the meeting and all activities connected with it may contribute toward the fulfilment of God's purpose; that in fellowship and mutual sharing those from East and West may realize and demonstrate their vital oneness in Christ; that out of the work done in connection with the meeting, that may be spoken and written which will kindle a flame in the hearts of men.

HYMN.—"The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended."

PRAYER OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING (in unison):

"Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen."

THE DOXOLOGY.

BENEDICTION (in unison, standing): "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen."

Prayer

"OUR loving heavenly Father we rejoice in Thy goodness and mercy to us during the past year. With grateful hearts we acknowledge that Thou hast done great things for us, and when we think of all the way by which we have been led, we look forward with hope and confidence as we enter the New Year. The God of Bethel will be with us and keep us at all times. Bless abundantly our workers at home and overseas. Remember very specially the members of the Commission, our dear fellow workers, give the winds and the waves charge concerning them and may a rich blessing follow their labors in foreign lands and their words when they return home. With glad hearts we thank Thee for our young people, for those who have confessed faith in Christ throughout our Church during the past year, for our Young Women's Auxiliaries, C.G.I.T. Groups, Mission Bands, and Sunday Schools. May we pray earnestly on their behalf and for ourselves that we may set them a godly example. We ask these blessings in the name of Thy son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY

A HAPPY NEW YEAR! And that means 366 happy days in the new year of 1928. Do not reckon them as days on your calendar, but days in your life! Make them happy days by your way of living, loving and service.

In the study book *Heroes of our Homelands* we find that it is service that has made lives of value. Take for example Louis Pasteur, the scientist who served unselfishly. The programme for January might be devoted to him. Appoint four girls to take charge.

Have one girl review Pasteur's life.

Let the second girl tell of the medical service undertaken by the W.M.S. in Canada. Information regarding our hospital work may be found in our new study book *The Royal Road.* If you have not a copy borrow one from a member of the Auxiliary and turn to Chapter IV and you will find all about it.

Ask the third girl to give some idea of the medical work of the W.M.S. overseas. Name our hospitals and members of staff, and any interesting items about them. See *The Royal Road,* Chapters X and XI. Refer to the nurses who have just been appointed. Tell in your own words or have one of the girls read "Elizabeth in the Valley" by Ruth Buchanan in the December *Glad Tidings* page 404.

Ask a nurse to come and give a practical talk on nursing or social service work or use scene "Inasmuch," W.M.S. Confederation Pageant.

Discuss Canada's recent contribution to the world medical science and name the doctor whose service brought honor to his country, fame to himself and help for the sick and suffering.

Use the new chart to locate our missions. Tell about the new school home to be opened in Huntingdon, Quebec, for the children of French Protestants.

Be sure to remember to send a report of the work you have done in 1927 to the C.G.I.T. Secretary for your Presbyterial. Unless you do this your Society and the service you have rendered cannot appear in the Annual Report.

The following teen-age organizations have affiliated with the W.M.S.—Port Elgin—Sunshine Group; Seaforth Group; Toronto—Dovercourt Road Group; Walkerton—Senior Group; Stonewall, Man.—Nehawamis Group; Toronto—Beaches Sr. Girls' Class.

A Missionary Service of Worship for Girls can be obtained on application at our W.M.S. Publication Office.

WITH MISS SINCLAIR IN THE WEST

I left Regina last Thursday night after spending part of the day at Synod. Had a little visit with Miss Pelton and had the privilege of hearing her address the Synod. It was wonderful. She has such a finished way of speaking, and is so pleasing in every way. Everywhere I went, every one spoke so lovingly of her. Had such a nice visit in Medicine Hat. They had a C.G.I.T. Rally for all the girls of the various Churches. A leaders' supper was held in the Presbyterian Church, the next evening. I also addressed the W.M.S. Thank-offering to which all their C.G.I.T. leaders came.

In Lethbridge they moved their W.M.S. regular meeting to Sunday afternoon and despite the first snow-storm, had a fine attendance. Instead of the regular Sunday School lesson in the morning I spoke to the School. They have converted their C. G. I. T. into a Club.

The girls in Macleod had a lovely afternoon tea at Mrs. Wishart's for the W.M.S. and I spoke to them. In the evening they had an open meeting in the Church when there was a large attendance of members of the congregation and the C.G.I.T. from the other Churches.

MISSION BANDS

A Lovely Letter for the Little Folks

FROM OUR OWN MISSIONARY TO THE CHINESE BOYS AND GIRLS IN MONTREAL

My Dear Mission Band Friends:—

Ever since your box containing so many useful things for our school came, I have wanted to write and tell you that I think it was very kind of you to send it. It was lovely to get so many nice cards, picture papers, blocks, pencils, and other gifts. The funny little game called "Bughouse" amuses the children very much. We can use the picture papers to tell Bible stories and the children love to look at the scrap-books. They are also useful to teach the names of things and so improve their English.

But I must tell you about the scholars. There are fourteen of them, all little Chinese children. Miss Hattie Jue, a Chinese Christian girl, helps me teach them. As they are too small to come to school alone, we call for them and take them home again when school is over.

Perhaps you would like to come with me as I call for some of them. First of all we will get Helen who lives farthest from the school. She

is so quiet that she won't talk to you either in English or Chinese though she understands both, but she will nod or shake her head and laugh at anything funny that happens. Then we will go for William and Lem who live in the same house but are not brothers. They will shout out "Good morning" to you but that is about all the English they know. They will chatter away in Chinese though, and talk about everything they see. If we meet a dog they will cling to my hand for they think every dog wants to eat them up. I tell them they must not fear and they try to be brave. Sometimes Lem will say reproachfully, "I waited for you a long time to-day. Quickly eat your dinner, please, and come for us early this afternoon." Lem just loves school. William has a little umbrella and even when it is fine he likes to carry it. One day I said, "Oh William there is no fear of rain to-day," and he replied, "You're not afraid but I am," and held on to his umbrella almost indignantly.

Next we will get three little sisters, Lily, Aileen and Margaret. They have one great big umbrella between them and when it rains they all get under it. Lily isn't afraid of anything and she chatters away in funny English. Perhaps she will ask me "Will we go bring Edna come, or will her mama bring her come?" Edna and Lawrence live in the same house and are the tiniest of all the children. They are three and a half and three years old. Lawrence is so tiny and so fat that I have to help him upstairs when we get to the school. We let him play with blocks when he gets tired of studying, but he does not like it if we do not teach him too. He can now recognize a number of Chinese words and a good many of the letters in our English alphabet. He comes proudly to the board, gets up on a chair and with the pointer, touches the words and tells what they are. I know everyone of you would just adore little fat Lawrence with his big brown eyes and chubby face. At first, when things did not please him, he would throw back his head and howl at the top of his voice, but he has not done that for a long time. He is regular scholar now.

Miss Jue will soon be here with the children she calls for—Daisy and Thomas, a sister and brother who think a great deal of each other. They always choose one another in the games we play. She will also bring Sara and David, another sister and brother. Sara is pretty and always laughing, except when she is worried about David's naughtiness, for he is inclined to do things he should not do. He is improving though and loves school. Little Jessie Lee will also come with that crowd. She is quiet and looks like a pretty little flower in her bright red hat and pink sweater. Her great friend and playmate, Alfred, who always would forget to wash his hands before coming to school, and then try to hide

them in his pockets, has gone away to Vancouver but we expect him back soon.

Now you know them all except Reta who comes by herself for she lives near and does not need to fear the autos. She says, "Even when I'm a big girl I'm going to come to this school." She thinks it nicer than the public school she says.

When we all get to school in the morning the first thing we do is to sing a "good morning" song in English. Then we sing some hymns in Chinese, say some Bible verses and have a prayer in Chinese too. After these opening exercises we have a lesson in Chinese reading and writing. These are some of the words that even little Lawrence and wee Edna know:

口 mouth 人 man 天 sky 田 field 手 hand.

You see, the first words they learn to read and write are not any harder than cat, rat, hat, in English are they?

Some mornings we have sewing on cards, paper weaving, paper folding and cutting, as well as other hand work. Sometimes we string wooden beads or play with colored blocks, learning in this way to count and know the colors. Sometimes we sit in a circle and hear Bible and other stories. The last half hour in the morning we sing and play games.

In the afternoon we have an English lesson, both reading and writing, more singing and hand work.

I am sure you are glad that these little Chinese children have a school like this to go to where they can learn to pray to our God, to sing hymns about His love, and to hear stories from His Word. I want you to pray that they will understand it all, and will learn to know and love Jesus while they are small.

I hope you will make us some more scrap books, and I wonder if sometime, you would like to dress a doll for us? We have one doll dressed in a knitted costume, but it is too precious to be played with very much. I'll tell you why. It was dressed for me by a blind Chinese girl away off in China. She learned to knit in a Christian school where they taught blind girls only, and when I was coming home she gave me this doll. The clothes are knitted so beautifully that we like to keep it nice to show people what fine work even a blind Chinese girl could do, so the children usually only look at it. Don't you think it would be nice to have one that they could hold in their arms sometimes?

Now I must close and mail this so you will have it in time for next Mission Band meeting. With many thanks to you all,

Your loving friend,

Ethel C. Reid.

THE STORY OF THIS PICTURE

This photo shows the toys made by the "Sunbeam" Mission Band of Rupert Street Church, Edmonton. Every member helped in their manufacture. Even the wee ones did their share, cutting up bits of cloth to stuff the animals. They have been posted to Miss Ross at Fort McMurray, to be sent out to trappers' and settlers' children in the far north for Christmas. Each gift will prove a veritable sunbeam.

This Band is a lively one. When they chose their name they were undecided between "Live Wires" and "Sunbeams" but finally said that they would choose "Sunbeams," because wires might get out of order, but sunbeams worked all the time.

When Thou Prayest

REMEMBER:

To give praise and thanksgiving for a gospel that can save to the uttermost; for all who have gone forth with the message of life unto the ends of the earth; for God's many precious promises; for His abundant blessing upon our Church and work.

PRAY:

That the prayer life of the whole Church may be strengthened; that Churches and Auxiliaries may grow in numbers, and in the grace of God.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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MISS SINCLAIR was the speaker at the meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Edmonton, November 16th. The C.G.I.T. Group gave her a supper, after which she gave them a helpful talk.

St. Andrew's and Bethel Ladies' Guild and the W.M.S., Three Hills, held a joint meeting and studied Mrs. Goforth's work in China. Extracts from her book, *Chinese Diamonds* and *Answers to Prayer* were enjoyed. A liberal collection cleared up the allocation to the W.M.S. Miss Sinclair's visit was enjoyed greatly. Her address was helpful and instructive.

Knox Church Auxiliary, Red Deer, during a social hour after the regular November meeting, presented Mrs. Angus Martin with a handsome pouch bag in recognition of her eightieth birthday. A large birthday cake was provided by a member. Mrs. Martin, who has taken a lifelong interest in the W.M.S. is still an active member, and beloved by all.

Olds Y.P.S., after its meeting, November 1st, held a Hallowe'en party in the lecture hall, with games and a supper. Great interest is being taken in re-construction work, by both W.M.S. and L.A. Miss Sinclair's visit, November 12th, was much enjoyed. She gave a splendid address to a gathering of women and girls.

St. Andrew's, Calgary, has re-organized its Mission Band under the leadership of Mrs. W. Sanders. A second C.G.I.T. Group is about to organize. The Gwalior Y.W. Auxiliary has gone over its allocation.

Miss Sinclair addressed a gathering of Sunday School workers and Y.W. Auxiliary members in St. Andrew's, Calgary, November 9th. On Thursday afternoon she was the guest of the Provincial Board of Girls' Work, and for supper was entertained by the Presbyterian C.G.I.T. leaders, after which she gave a valuable and interesting talk to a large gathering of C.G.I.T. girls and their leaders in Grace Church.

St. John's, Medicine Hat, has four C.G.I.T. Groups with thirty members. The Mission Band is well organized, and interested in the new study book.

Carstairs W.M. Auxiliary again this year goes "over the top." The C.G.I.T. and Mission Band are well organized, and all departments working splendidly.

Lethbridge reports that, on November 6th, Miss Sinclair spoke to a large gathering, and to the Sunday School, with much effect.

Strathcona W.M. Auxiliary, Edmonton, met at the manse and pre-

sented Mrs. Lyttle with a Life Membership. Rev. Mr. Lyttle addressed the members, and the Thank-offering amounted to $6.00.

Mrs. T. Buckham and Mrs. John McRitchie entertained Strathcona "Goforth" Mission Band at a delightful Hallowe'en social, to which friends and mothers were invited.

Rupert Street Mission Band, Edmonton, met with the W.M. Auxiliary at their Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. McQueen gave an inspiring talk. The children displayed a table of toys, scrap-books, etc., which they had made for McMurray Hospital, and received great praise for their fine handiwork and zeal.

Vegreville Hospital furnace has been repaired and is proving satisfactory. The Hospital Aid has put a new heating plant in the Nurses' Home.

The first meeting of the Mission Band of Vegreville School Homes was held October 17th with membership of 46. The Sunday School is doing good work and some of the children already have won certificates for memory work. Mr. Hall has borrowed a lantern from the S. A. Officer at Vegreville and gives a lantern slide service on Sunday nights which greatly interests the elder boys especially.

At a Sunday School Rally in Westmount Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, Mrs. McRitchie, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, presented Junior Memberships to four members of the Wilkie Mission Band. The children are proud of the pins, secured through their own savings for missions, and are coming out so well to the meetings.

Westmount Auxiliary is planning a tea to help the fund for supply work, and has agreed to outfit an Indian boy as its share.

The mission department of the Ladies' Guild, Ranfurly, forwarded a bale of 50 bandages and caps to the Rolland M. Boswell Hospital, Vegreville, also a box of clothing to a needy family. The annual sale of work was held November 26th.

Vermilion ladies now work in both the Women's Missionary Auxiliary and Ladies' Aid instead of in one Society as last year. Though few in number they are active and interested. In January the Auxiliary made $20.00 at a home cooking sale, and in February the Ladies' Aid made a similar amount at another sale followed by a larger one in May, which netted $60. It planned a bazaar for November 19th.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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THE Provincial Board meeting was held in Central Church, Vancouver, on November 18th, with a good attendance. The President, Mrs. Pillar, presided. Reports from all sources were most encouraging.

It was announced that the Central Committee, in connection with the Council meeting next May, was complete, and consisted of the following: Mrs. Pillar, Provincial President, Mrs. G. A. Ledingham and Mrs. W. J. White from the Provincial Board; Mrs. James Herd and Mrs. R. M. Thomson from the Westminster Presbyterial; and Mrs. C. J. Peter and Mrs. L. Sanderson from Central Church W.M.S., where the meetings will be held.

Miss Sinclair, Field Secretary for girls' work in the Presbyterian Church, was in Vancouver early in December.

MANITOBA

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A MEETING of the Provincial W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. R. F. Rorke in October. A pleasant and profitable time was spent.

Calvin Church W.M.S. suffered a loss in the death of Mrs. Jackson, the *Glad Tidings* Secretary, who died recently. She took great interest in the work.

St. James' Church W.M.S. held a Thank-offering meeting in Roseberry Hall, on November 17th. Mrs. J. Hutchison gave an illustrated address. Mrs. Digby Wheeler was the soloist.

Mrs. J. Hutchison and Mrs. P. Kee visited Crystal City. Both ladies addressed the meeting. They were very much encouraged on hearing how well the work was progressing between Pilot Mound and Crystal City.

A joint Annual Meeting of the Provincial W.M.S. and the Winnipeg and Brandon Presbyterials was held in Brandon on November 11th. The President, Mrs. J. Hutchison, presided. Mrs. McDonald, President of Brandon Presbyterial, opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Paterson took the devotional services. There were many good suggestions. First, that a greater number of officers be elected from the Brandon Presbyterial to the Provincial. Second, that the Annual Meeting be held alternately at Winnipeg and Brandon. It was a very helpful, encouraging and inspiring meeting, and much constructive business was accomplished. In the evening the W.M.S. attended the Synod meeting in St. Andrew's Church. It was like old times to be in a Church again and hear the gowned choir sing "O Lord How Manifold Are Thy Works," and delightful also to hear the message of the Moderator, Dr. Clay, of Vancouver. Mrs. J. Hutchison gave a very fine presentation of the activities of the W.M.S. and stated that the work was growing, so also were the responsibilities. All the ladies returned to Winnipeg well pleased with the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. McKenzie of Selkirk is ministering to six nationalities, and seventeen of these young people have united with the Church.

On November 22nd, Mrs. D. Johnstone, first Vice-President of Winnipeg Presbyterial, visited Morden W.M.S. and gave an address. There was only a small group but it was touching to see their devotion to the work. They were a self-denying few, a large offering being received.

ONTARIO

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Thank-offering Meetings

DURING October and November many successful Thank-offering meetings took place. St. Paul's, Peterborough, held theirs October 14th, Mrs. Robert Hall, the President, presiding. An address by Mrs. J. W. Dill, of Toronto, Council Mission Band Secretary, was very inspiring. Other meetings were held at Knox Church, Galt, on November 10th, when Mrs. H. P. S. Luttrell, of Toronto, gave the address. The offering was the largest in their history and included three Life Memberships. Meetings were also held at Eden Mills; Acton; St. Andrew's, Galt; Hespeler, and Elora. Knox, Guelph, followed the printed programme. Mrs. Locheed, of Hamilton, was the speaker at St. Andrew's Guelph.

Sectional Meetings

Barrie P.S.—Oro Esson had the first sectional meeting of the series on October 5th. Mrs. Wismer, of Barrie, read a paper on "Moslem Women," Mrs. Irish, of Orillia, spoke of Confederation and Thanksgiving, Mrs. Cameron, of Allandale, gave the closing words. At Midland, October 11th, seven Auxiliaries were represented. Dr. Margaret O'Hara told what has been done and is yet to be done in our fields in India. Thornbury, October 13th, Mrs. Shortt, of Barrie, in an inspiring address set forth the great expansion of our work since June 10th, 1925.

Brockville P.S.—East Oxford, September 29th. In the afternoon, in addition to excellent papers and reports from different Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, an inspirational address was given by Mrs. M. Cleland, of South Mountain. In the evening, Mrs. Riddell, President, spoke on the value of sectional meetings to individuals, here their problems are discussed, perhaps solved; greater inspiration is gained in the work; and an opportunity given to develop missionary aspirations to usefulness into service, through close touch with the work and workers. Rev. Mr. Fowlie also spoke on "The work and what we owe to the missionary."

Maitland P.S.—Old friendships were renewed and new friends made by the members of the W.M.S. assembled in Ashfield Church. The

Presidents or leaders of Auxiliaries related the most encouraging features of their work and the methods used for profitable meetings. The reports were interesting and helpful. Two addresses were delivered, "The Great Ministry of Teaching," by Miss Ratte, of Toronto, and "The Outlook and our Task," by Mrs. J. A. James, of South Kinloss.

Glengarry P.S.—Delegates from five Auxiliaries were present at Lancaster. The speaker was our Field Secretary, Miss Laura K. Pelton, whose text was, "Lovest thou Me more than these?" Mrs. P. A. McLeod, of Maxville, traced the rapid growth of our Church during the last few years. At Maxville, 4 Auxiliaries were represented. The Provincial President, Mrs. Wm. Rochester, gave some interesting facts and figures dating from the time of organization, three years before Confederation. She outlined the problems of the past, as well as those of the present. Reports showed progress in all departments. On October 5th, a sectional meeting was held at Morewood, five Auxiliaries being represented. Informative papers were read, and Mrs. J. R. Hill, of Ottawa, spoke on "The Women of the Bible." The annual Thankoffering meeting followed in the evening. Two Life Membership certicates were presented. Both meetings were well attended.

Superior P.S. Executive met in First Presbyterian Church, Port Arthur. Miss Sinclair's visit to Fort Francis will likely result in the organization of various C.G.I.T. Groups. Welcome and Welfare Secretary reported the names of fifty Presbyterian strangers. An interesting paper on the semi-annual meeting of the Provincial Board, held in Toronto on October 6th and 7th, was given by Mrs. W. F. Hogarth. Secretaries reported an increase in givings and in organization.

Guelph P.S.—A largely attended rally was held in Knox Church, Guelph, October 7th. Pictures of mission work in home and foreign fields were shown by Mrs. Gamble and Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell.

Chatham P.S.—The annual meeting of Duart W.M.S. was held October 27th. Mrs. Barrett's address on the mission stations was very informative, the location of each being shown on a specially prepared map. About 35 members of the Mission Band were present.

NOTE.—The Mission Band Secretary wishes attention called to the fact that she is only authorized to forward literature to the officers of newly organized Mission Bands which have been properly recorded.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—The quarterly meeting of the Presbyterial Board was held on November 18th, in Knox-Crescent Church lecture hall, the President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, presiding. There was a good at-

tendance from 17 Auxiliaries, 5 Y.W. Auxiliaries and 3 Mission Bands.

The Treasurer's statement showed that $4,946.87 had been received since September 23rd.

The following departmental Secretaries presented encouraging reports: Home Helpers—76 new members since January 1st, making a total of 740, with contributions of $734. An interesting feature of this work had been the presentation by Knox-Crescent Church Home Helpers' Committee of a Life Membership certificate and pin to their first Home Helper. Young Women's—a new Auxiliary in Westmount Church and a most successful and enthusiastic district rally at Athelstan on October 22nd, when 67 delegates were present. Two new Mission Bands have been organized, in Rosemount and Outremont Churches, making a total of 22 Bands. Supplies—boxes of provisions, gifts of linen and money have been received and several bales of goods sent out. Life Memberships—11 Life Memberships, 6 In Memoriam certificates, 7 Honorary Memberships, 4 Junior Memberships and 49 "Star" Mission Band certificates were subscribed for and 14 Membership pins sold during this quarter.

Miss E. A. Murray, Superintendent of the new Presbyterian Mission, Tyndale House, Seigneurs St., Montreal, addressed the meeting on the work carried on among the families and children of that district. Volunteer workers are needed, and Miss Murray asked for the prayerful support of this splendid work.

The President announced the purchase, by the Council Executive, of a fine building in Huntingdon as a School Home for the Province of Quebec, to accommodate twenty-seven pupils. It is expected that it will be opened for a Summer School next year and will be ready for resident pupils by September, 1928. All letters of application must be sent direct to the matron, whose appointment will be duly announced. Any donations of money towards the furnishing of the Home will be very acceptable.

A letter was read from the Quebec Provincial Board, expressing their approval of a third Presbyterial being formed in the Province of Quebec to include the South Shore District, and stating that it was their opinion, after conference with some of the workers, that the matter should await further consideration. It was also explained that as the Provincial thought it advisable to form a third Presbyterial to meet the growing demands, and for a further expansion of the work, the Council Executive gave their approval. After considerable discussion, the President requested the members to submit the matter to their Auxiliaries for consideration.

A resolution was passed expressive of the great loss sustained by

the Presbyterial in the death of Rev. Dr. R. W. Dickie, and extending deep sympathy to Mrs. Dickie and family, and to the members of Knox-Crescent Church.

Mrs. A. W. Lamb, 857 Tupper St., Montreal, was appointed C.G.I.T. Secretary.

The annual meeting will be held in Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, on February 7th, 1928.

Y.W.A. Rally

A largely attended and enthusiastic District Rally of the Young Women's Auxiliaries of the Montreal Presbyterial was held at Athelstan on Saturday afternoon, October 22nd, Mrs. R. J. Bell, Presbyterial Y.W.A. Secretary, presided. Sixty-seven delegates were present from Athelstan, Elgin, Huntingdon, Riverfield and Ormstown, each of these Auxiliaries submitting a brief report on the progress of the work in their Society. Miss Arthur of Elgin Y.W.A., was the soloist and the devotional exercises were taken by members of Ormstown and Huntingdon Y.W.A. Miss MacFarlane, President of Athelstan Y.W.A., welcomed the delegates. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Geo. E. Ross, Montreal West, Miss Rhind, the Quebec Provincial Board, Miss Kirkwood and Mrs. W. E. Baker. Mrs. Ross' announcement that a new Presbyterian School Home for the Province of Quebec would shortly be opened at Huntingdon aroused much enthusiasm. Tea was served by the Athelstan Y.W.A., and votes of thanks extended by members of Georgetown and Elgin Y.W.A. Others contributing to the programme were Rev. P. McK. Sampson, pastor of the Church, Mrs. Geo. Williams, Georgetown, Mrs. R. L. Ballantyne, Riverfield and Mrs. J. E. Elder of Athelstan.

SASKATCHEWAN

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Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S. — Coleville Auxiliary reports holding regular monthly meetings with a membership of six. Their meetings are made interesting by special music and follow closely the suggestions from the *Glad Tidings* programmes. They raise their money by quarterly Thank-offerings, the amount in October being $15.55.

Saskatoon.—Dr. Kannawin, General Secretary of Sunday School work, and Rev. H. N. Konkle, Canadian Secretary of the Mission to Lepers, were recent visitors to the Parkview Auxiliary. Hope is expressed that the impressions made by these addresses will bear rich fruit in our Church.

Moose Jaw P.S.—A meeting of interest was held in St. Paul's Church parlor, on October 28th, when the Canadian Girls in Training

Group was re-organized by Mrs. D. C. Monroe, Mrs. G. G. Campbell, presiding. Miss Margaret Gillies was appointed leader. The meetings will be held every Wednesday evening.

Regina P.S.—Miss Pelton, the W.M.S. Field Secretary, has completed her itinerary in this Presbyterial. She reports "much encouragement in the majority of fields visited."

We welcome Miss Cuddy as new Superintendent of our Canora Hospital.

Miss Scott, of the Saskatoon School Home, acknowledged the receipt of eighty-five books for the library, and a very useful bale for furnishings, from First Presbyterian Church, Regina. A sentence from Miss Scott's letter says: "The books arrived on a Saturday morning and the screams of delight and joy from the girls when the books were unpacked would recompense all who so generously contributed to this cause."

Estevan reports the formation of a new W.M.S. Auxiliary and also a Mission Band. We congratulate them on their progress.

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The following amounts, raised by nine Young Women's Auxiliaries and one C.G.I.T. Group, of Montreal Presbyterial, in 1926, have been received. Kindly insert them on page 148, 149 of the Annual Report.

Athelstan, $105.01; Elgin, $30.00; Huntingdon, $118.38; Montreal, First Presbyterian, $3.00; Knox-Crescent, $153.00; Fairmount-Taylor, $53.90; Maisonneuve, $5.00; MacVicar Memorial, $143.63; Total $611.92. Associate Young Women's Society: Montreal, Stanley, Young Ladies' Bible Class, $5.00. Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups: Montreal, St. Matthew's $14.40; Total, $631.32.

Kingston P.S.—(p. 116) correct to read: Amherst Island Y.W.A. $10.00; Kingston, St. Andrew's Senior and Junior, $400.00; Picton, St. Andrew's, $39.15. Stirling Society is a Mission Band not a Y.W.A. Bands: Kingston, St. Andrew's Jr., $25.00; McDonald's Corners, "Golden Links," $5.75; Stirling, "Maple Leaf" M.B., $60.00.

No money was received by P.S. Treasurer from Belleville C.G.I.T.

Peterborough P.S.—(p. 130) credit Norwood Y.W.A. with $70.00.

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I give, devise and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., *of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (that is the continuing Presbyterian Church not merged in or associated with the United Church of Canada) in trust for the work of the said* WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., *the sum of* ..... *to be paid out of my estate, without any deduction whatever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said* WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., *for the said sum shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge thereof.*

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November 30th, 1927

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A Friend	20.00	McMurray Hospital	140.00
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		Indian School, Birtle	432.43
Government grant for Birtle Indian School ..	3,352.40	Government grant paid to Birtle Indian School ..	3,352.40
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PROVINCIAL GIVINGS		New Liskeard School Home	230.18
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		India	4,506.18
		China	683.24
		Formosa	3,034.80
		Japan	1,250.00
		Publications	420.83
		Organization	458.50
		Miscellaneous	1,242.35
		Administration	1,175.65
	$20,927.40		$24,977.91

FINANCIAL SURVEY

Balance on hand October 31st, 1927	$32,820.93	
Receipts	20,927.40	
Disbursements		$24,977.91
Pension Fund		5,080.43
Sustaining Fund		10,098.46
Legacy Fund		3,636.29
Bank		9,935.65
Cash		19.59
	$53,748.33	$53,748.33

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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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O Happy Day

"Looking unto Jesus."—Heb. 12:2.

"I take the whole day from His hands,
The things I like He understands,
So when they come I know that He
Has planned them out in love for me!
And if there's aught my joy to dim,
I simply look away to Him!
And every little moment spare
I turn into a tiny prayer." —F.M.N.

Editorial

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, with its fellowship of intercession for every woman of every land, will be observed on Friday, February 24th. It promises to be one of the most enriching experiences of the year. As we approach it we are thrilled at the mere thought that on that day the Christian women of the world will be brought together in one great prayer group to unite in intercession for the work of Christ the whole world over. A growing sense of the benefit to be derived from such united prayer has led to the desire to broaden the influence of the observance to include girls and young women, and those in charge are urged to make definite arrangements for them to share the privilege the older women enjoy. These young people will soon be our successors and nothing will so adequately prepare them for service as to unite in the World Day of Prayer, and feel the thrill of comradeship in the vast army of women and girls in all the great Protestant communions united in the fellowship of prayer for one common task.

MRS. DANIEL STRACHAN, who undertook the first part of the visitation to our overseas fields with the Assembly's Commission, arrived in Canada on Christmas Day. On January 3rd the Council Executive called a special meeting to welcome Mrs. Strachan and Dr. Caroline Macdonald of Japan who is in Canada on a six weeks' visit to her mother. Next month we hope to devote due space to the messages of these honored guests and to the messages from the delegates to the Student Conference held recently in Detroit.

OUR NEW STUDY BOOK, *The Royal Road,* has made its bow to the public, and with a certain trepidation of heart we await its reception. In its preparation we aimed at perfection which we realize is an impossibility. We would, however, ask our friends to magnify its good qualities and, if possible, think kindly of its faults, and for our mutual benefit acquaint us with both.

We had hoped it would be out earlier and regret if its delay caused inconvenience to those who were depending on it in preparing their programmes.

YOUR EDITOR admits to being in a quandary. She has received two items of news which should have been sent to her months ago. Ordinarily, out-of-date material is consigned to the W.P.B. but as these items deal with extraordinary people —even our well-beloved missionaries Dr. O'Hara and Miss Bertha Robson —your editor has decided to whisper in your ear that one referred to a farewell gift to Miss Bertha Robson of a purse of one hundred dollars in gold from the friends and members of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Paris. The second told of a reception to Dr. O'Hara by the congregation of Westminster Church, Smith's Falls, when minister and members united in a welcome home to this faithful missionary of the cross. The accompanying picture shows Dr. O'Hara holding the basket of flowers — a tangible expression of the affection of her friends.

Dr. Margaret O'Hara

ON JANUARY 2ND MRS. EPHRIAM SCOTT OF MONTREAL, passed from the unrest of this world to the peace of eternity. We had not heard of her illness and the news of her death came as a great shock. Mrs. Scott was the wife of Rev. Ephriam Scott, D.D., for thirty five years Editor of the *Presbyterian Record.* In addition to her close association in the literary and church work of her husband, in both of which she rendered able assistance, Mrs. Scott took a prominent part in the W.M.S. and was for

many years a valued member of the Quebec Provincial Board. If we, who only knew her slightly, feel that the world is poorer for her passing, how great must be the blank in her home and in the heart of her husband who has been so suddenly and sorely bereaved. Our message of comfort to him finds expression in the beautiful thought

"'Tis clear
Whom God makes lonely
To him He comes more near."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT that the estimates for 1928 will be found in this issue will arouse the interest of our readers in the section of the magazine where they appear. We hope every member will read them carefully, compare them with those of last year and take to heart the message from the Treasurer who always speaks with knowledge and authority.

MISS EDITH SINCLAIR, our Girls' Work Secretary, who has just returned from a trip to the west, speaks in the warmest terms of the kindness she received from the Auxiliary women everywhere. In one place three letters of welcome were awaiting her and every place she went the women did all in their power to co-operate with the minister and the girls in making her itinerary a success.

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED that Miss MacMurchy sails from Bombay for England on February 11th by the steamer *Rawaltindr.*

WE WOULD EXTEND a very hearty welcome home to Miss Ruth Buchanan who arrived in Canada in December after a most acceptable term of service among the Bhil people in Amkhut, India.

OUR PRESIDENT, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, and our Treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Donald, attended the annual meetings of the Women's Federated Mission Boards of North America in January. A report of the meetings is expected for the March issue.

THE COUNCIL MEETING will be held in Central Church, Vancouver, B.C., in May. Details will appear in next issue.

"Just to leave in His dear hands little things:
All we cannot understand, all that stings;
Just to let Him take the care, sorely pressing;
Finding all we let Him bear changed to blessing."

A Word on Our Estimates

THE time has come once more to present to you our estimates for the year's work.

I wonder if you realize that this is the first time since 1925 that we have been able to fully estimate for our entire work. Last year we just had to name an amount for such fields as had not yet been handed over to us. This year we can estimate in detail.

This has, of course, meant much more work for the secretaries of these departments, also for your Finance Committee. The most difficult part, however, has been to keep these estimates down to the amount decided on—$170,000—which is the same as last year.

The Council Executive felt that as so many of us have very heavy demands from our own church this year it would be a mistake to increase our Budget. On the other hand, from every department comes the request for enlarged work. Especially from the foreign field the call is very strong for new workers and new equipment.

The only new work planned therefore is among Koreans in Japan, where we have already appointed two Bible women and provided for one missionary—we should send two. We have also estimated for four other new missionaries.

As far as we can judge at this time our allocations for 1927 are going to be fully met. It has been a very wonderful year, and we have so very much to thank our Heavenly Father for. This year we feel can be even better. But my suggestion is that we make our strong plea for increased membership. We all know that there are many women in our churches who are not interested in missions because they do not know about the work or understand it. Can we not make it our special work this year to get at least one new member interested in our W.M.S.? This is the ideal way to increase our gifts and to strengthen and extend our work.

(Mrs. R. C.) S. B. Donald,
Treasurer.

W.M.S. Missionaries Designated for Overseas Service

A DIGNIFIED and impressive service was held in Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on the evening of December 20th, 1927, when Miss Lily A. Simpson, a nurse, was set apart for mission work in Gwalior, India, under Dr. Wilkie, and Miss Jean I. Cummings for service in the "Mackay Memorial Hospital," Formosa. The meeting which was in charge of

Toronto Presbytery, was presided over by Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll. Rev. W. F. McConnell, minister of the Church, conducted the devotions and also gave the statement of the qualifications of the candidates, after which Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll, in the name of the Church, solemnly designated and dedicated the missionaries to overseas service. Rev. W. A. Cameron, in opening his address, brought greetings from the Board of Missions and the assurance to the missionaries that the Board is standing behind them and that they will be followed by the good wishes and prayers of the whole Church from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Many gifts were presented to the missionaries including: Boston bags

Miss Jean M. Cummings, to Formosa

Miss Lily A. Simpson, to India

from the Sunday School where they had rendered splendid service, Alexander Reid and George Fernie making the presentation; W.M.S. pins and travelling rugs from the W.M.S. of the Church, presented by Mrs. J. A. Mackenzie and Mrs. W. D. Smith; copies of the New Testament in the language of the countries in which they will work, from the Canadian Bible Society, by Mrs. J. A. Hilts, President of Toronto Presbyterial. Greetings were brought from Ontario Provincial Board by the President, Mrs. William Rochester. Bibles, the gift of the Council Executive, were presented by Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Secretary for India, and Mrs. D. D. Calvin, Secretary for Formosa. Other gifts which cannot be listed were the good wishes of the many members who gathered to bid the outgoing missionaries goodbye and Godspeed. An interesting fact is that Miss Cummings'

decision to offer for service overseas came in response to Miss McConnell's appeal for more nurses at her own designation service in the same Church last May. Both these young women are going out as missionaries under the W.M.S.

Miss Simpson, whose home is in Weyburn, Sask., was born in England. She received her training in nursing at the General Hospital, St. John's, N.B., was night supervisor in Weyburn Hospital, Sask., and operating nurse in Victoria Hospital, Miami, Florida, at which place the W.M.S. heard of her. Later she gave a term of most acceptable service in the W.M.S. Hospital, Canora, Sask.

Miss Cummings has had a notable nursing record. She took her general training in Greenwich and Deptford Hospital, England, and was a ward sister there for two years. She is also a graduate of Birmingham Maternity Hospital, and took a course in tuberculosis in Drompton, England. She served in the Fourth Scottish General Hospital in Territorial Force Service and was demobilized from there when the Hospital was closed in 1918.

Both young ladies further fitted themselves by taking a course in the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, and a course in phonetics in New York.

Miss Cummings sails for Formosa on the *Empress of Russia* from Vancouver on February 4th, and Miss Simpson for India on the *Celtic* from New York on January 21st.

The Late Miss Danielda McDonald

THE W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church sustained a great loss in the death, on December 21st, at the Missionary Rest Home, Mimico, of Miss Danielda McDonald. Miss McDonald was a missionary worker among the Jewish women in Toronto for many, many years and her death is a distinct loss to the staff at Scott Institute, and to the Jewish women whom she truly loved and to whose service she devoted her life.

Miss McDonald was first attracted to Jewish work by the likeableness of little Jewish children, and also by the teaching of her mother. To fit herself for this work she took a special course of training at Nyack, N.Y., and on her return to Toronto became a voluntary worker among the Jews. Had she lived until March she would have been twenty years in this service under the Presbyterian Church. When, on account of failing health, she went to reside at Mimico, she conducted wonderful work among the Jewish people there to within a month of her death. Miss McDonald loved the Jewish people and was the means of bringing a number of Jewish

mothers to Christ. Many of them looked on her as a great saint of God and sought her prayers in cases of serious illness with favorable results.

Her funeral, which was under the auspices of the Toronto Presbytery, was held in Scott Institute. The tributes to her beautiful Christian character and devoted work, by Rev. Hardy Andrews, Rev. M. Zeidman, Rev. J. F. McKay, Rev. Peter Jamieson, and Rev. J. G. Inkster, D.D., struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the large congregation gathered to do honor to the memory of this beloved worker.

Her body was taken to Chatham for interment where a suitable service was conducted in First Presbyterian Church.

Miss Danielda McDonald

The following resolution for insertion in the minute book was presented to the Council Executive on January 3rd, 1928, the members standing to receive it:

Inasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God of His great mercy to take unto Himself the soul of our dear sister and veteran Jewish worker, Miss Danielda McDonald, the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society, desire to place on record their deep sense of loss, and also their devout thankfulness to God for the gift of her life, consecrated as it was to work amongst the Jewish people to whom she was devoted and who in turn were devoted to her, looking upon her as a "saint" and an "holy woman". Her "journeyings oft", her consideration for others, her lovely charity towards those who were "out of the way" and her great love for this "ancient people" will long be remembered in that particular community. Truly she "went about doing good."

The members of the Council Executive unite in an expression of sympathy with Miss McDonald's niece and nephews, and other relatives, and rejoice with them in that "sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to Eternal Life through our Lord Jesus Christ."

"And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Formosan W.M.S.

MRS. D. STRACHAN

IT was my great privilege to sit with these Formosan women shown in the accompanying picture, during their fifth annual meeting held at Soren Church, Taihoku, on November 22nd. I think I am perfectly honest in saying that of all I saw and all I heard while in the East, this meeting interested me most. I was really thrilled and inspired by it. Here is one answer to any who wish to have visible evidence of what our mission in Formosa has accomplished.

When the meeting opened at 9.30 a.m. the Church was well filled

Annual Meeting of W.M.S., Soren Church, Formosa

with old women, young women, children, and babies. There is no need to tell a stranger that there is not a something in the faces of these women that is not in the faces of those who have not heard the gospel. The President, Mrs. Koa, a daughter of the late Dr. G. L. Mackay, was in the chair and the Secretary, a graduate of the Girls' School, sat with her on the platform. I must, before going further, pay a tribute to the efficiency and business-like methods of all the officers. Many in Canada might take a leaf from their book.

The meeting opened with our own old hymn, "Joy To the World, The Lord is Come," then scripture reading and a prayer by an old lady from Gilan (Giran) whose poor old feet were bound. She, by the way is the first woman elder in the Formosan Church. Following this came the address of welcome from the wife of the pastor of the Church and a reply. Mrs. Koa then welcomed me as an officer of the Mother Society in Canada and presented me with a membership pin. To this I replied, presenting greetings to them from the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The pastor of the Church gave a short address, the theme of which was the value of women and women's work, and that men and women were equally responsible for spreading the gospel. Our new missionaries, Mrs. Dickson, Misses Adams and Burdick, also Mrs. C. S. McDonald, were introduced.

Three Bible Women
Left to right: Mrs. Lo, Peng-a-Chim, Sioh Koa, Mrs. Koa (standing).

Mrs. Koa gave the President's address, telling first how the Executive Committee had carried on. They were now supporting three Bible women. The Committee selects the places where these Bible women are to work. Miss Adair and she had gone out to visit them and found them all happy. Mrs. Koa told of a visit to one of the Bible women. Ten years ago Mr. MacLeod had passed through this village and was forced, on account of rain, to stay over at the house of the head man. This man had heard the gospel message then and now his daughter is studying with the Bible woman. In closing Mrs. Koa urged all to trust more in Christ and in the work of the Holy Spirit. She reminded them that they were now five years old and must do more and more for themselves. Prayer was their great stronghold. She asked them to pray for their Bible women, and that more women might be brought into the Society. So many places are asking for the gospel and we cannot make any excuse for not sending it, the responsibility is ours.

The Secretary then gave her report. The chief features in it were: The Executive had met three times during the year. The Day of Prayer had been held on the second day of the Chinese New Year. For the first time the officers of the W.M.S. and the Bible women had been asked to the preachers' conference. Several new places were contributing. She urged

them all to give regularly. "If you give one year and not the next we can't carry on," was a strangely familiar injunction. This meeting was held earlier on account of the delegation from the Home Church coming. Mention was made of a house being given as a legacy to the W.M.S. by the late Mrs. Le. They have it rented. A plea was made that the very best and most efficient women might be chosen as officers. Mr. MacOdrum and Mr. McDonald were then introduced to the meeting.

The address of the morning was given by Mrs. Mitsui, from the Japanese Presbyterian Church. She was the woman chosen to go to Washington to present a petition to the President in the interest of peace. She spoke on temperance and the pastor of Soren Church interpreted for her. She made an earnest appeal for the education of the children along temperance lines, one very significant thing she said was, "Before the Japanese came to Formosa, the Chinese did not drink much, now there is a great deal, you have learned from us." A young woman was then called on. She said she just wondered how many remembered what the aim and object of the Missionary Society was. In case any forgot she recited it. And by the way the aim and object is much the same as that of our own W.M.S. It was a capital idea to bring it to their attention.

One of the Bible women maintained by the W.M.S. reported that the Society now supports three Bible women, these work only in districts where there is no Church and no Christian influence. This speaker was the first Bible woman appointed and she gave a fine report of her stewardship. One incident she told was of a place where she had worked. There were no Christians when she went and when she left there were fifty women studying and learning to read. As a result of her work eight could read the catechism and two had learned to write. Alas! there is no Church there to follow up the work. In another place where she worked five families said they would like to become Christians—one woman came and, though a vegetarian herself, she wanted her child to learn the religion of the Christians.

Business was the next item.

1st. The choosing of a Nominating Committee who then retired.

2nd. Presentation of the study book for the year. Mrs. Tan, another daughter of Dr. G. L. Mackay, presented this. Miss Adair has prepared a study book in Formosan dealing with well known missionaries and their work, this they are to study.

3rd. Holding of the day of prayer—this report was given by a woman who comes from several generations of Christians. There is a suggestion that next year the Japanese Church shall be invited to join in this service.

4th. Report of Nominating Committee given by the Convener, a graduate of the Girls' School. Then ensued a very familiar scene as one after another rose to protest her unfitness for office and to give her reasons for non-acceptance of office. Everything was easily adjusted however.

This closed the morning session and we guests were entertained at lunch by the ladies of Soren Church.

The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises followed by an address on "Ye shall be witnesses unto me," Mrs. Koa kindly interpreting. Miss Gretta Gauld and the pastor of Soren Church sang a duet, Mrs. Taylor accompanying them.

Mrs. Seth Koa, a graduate of the Girls' School, gave her Treasurer's report. There are now forty-one churches contributing but when she closed her books eighteen of these had not sent their money and so were too late. Auxiliaries seem to have the same failings in Formosa as in Canada. However when her books closed she had 1560 yen on hand.

The second Bible woman followed with an address. She told of going to one place where there was just one Christian. Everyone laughed at her and said, "Why is she coming here?" However she got them to come in and listen and they said it seemed a good story. One day they asked her to go and tell this story in front of the temple that night. She was busy teaching and speaking in her room all afternoon and was just getting her tea when they came running to tell her to come quickly, there was a great crowd gathered. She went at once and spoke to those people for over three hours.

The third Bible woman next spoke but very briefly and very characteristically. She first referred to their joy at having a representative of the Mother Society with them and then paid a tribute to the *Connui* (single lady missionaries) who had done everything for them. The same old lady after the meeting referred to Miss Adair as their mother and to me as their grandmother. However if Miss Adair did not mind, neither did I.

The roll call of Auxiliaries followed and each responded by rising.

Before closing Mrs. Koa said there was a matter to come before the meeting. The Hospital Evangelist then made a very strong appeal for some work among young girls who are driven into a life of shame. One of the Formosan doctors in the hospital also spoke in favor of the appeal and suggested a home for these girls where they might live and be helped to find themselves once more. Both addresses were most earnest and came from the fulness of their hearts. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee to report. The meeting then closed.

Lest any think I had acquired the language quickly, I hasten to say

that during the meeting Miss Adair sat beside me and interpreted and to her I am indebted for all the notes I got from the proceedings.

I mentioned the business-like and efficient manner in which the meeting was conducted. This has not come about but by hard and patient effort. To Miss Adair's vision is due the formation of the Society, and through her loving labor and patient toil it has grown into what it now is—a real power in the life of the Formosan Church. To the Principal and teachers of the Girls' School where many of the officers of the Society have been educated, all honor must be given. In this school these girls learned how to speak in public, conduct themselves with poise, and work with other people.

Sitting in this meeting one's thoughts went back over the years to the beginning of the Church in North Formosa when Dr. G. L. Mackay and his first Christians were persecuted for righteousness sake, and one's heart echoed the words of the opening hymn "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come."

"The best 'Evidences of Christianity' are not written in Dr. Paley's book, but in the daily lives of plain men and women who have the mind that was in Jesus and try to do what they believe He would have done." This gathering was but one of "The Evidences of Christianity."

Impressions by the Way

NOTES BY THE DEPUTATION VISITING THE FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

(Continued)

It was our privilege to visit shrines at Nikko, Tokyo, Kyoto and elsewhere. No words at our command can convey an adequate description of the magnificence of these shrines. For those at Nikko and Kyoto a regal site has been excavated high up the mountain sides. The cost, defrayed by the government, though voluntary offerings may also be made, must have been stupendous. The elaborate carving, though often to us grotesque in its result, suggests centuries of skilful, loving labor. The great shrines are not one building but many. The one at Nikko is approached along a magnificent avenue of cryptomeria trees, towering straight and lofty like huge Douglas pines. Up many flights of broad stone steps the multitudes come, many making the ascent on their knees. Before approaching a Shinto shrine the devotee washes his hands in running water and rinses his mouth—clean hands and inward purification are required. One shrine in Tokyo is said to be visited by forty thousand people daily. Having seen the multitude that afternoon, we believe it. There is no questioning the earnestness of many. In the long ago,

"Seeing the multitude He was moved with compassion." It must have been something like this.

One of the most suggestive features of all this is the part the shrines now play in the making of the new citizenship of Japan. Among the pilgrims are great hordes of school children. They are given special holidays on which they come from all parts of the land under the guidance of their teachers to pay their respects to the memories of their ancestors, to honor the illustrious dead and above all to pray for the Emperor. The scenery, the edifices, the elaborate ornamentation, the crowds, the words spoken to them, the whole atmosphere sets the imagination of youth aflame. In this striking way reverence, religion, and patriotism are inculcated and the youth of Japan welded into one family, to every member of which the Emperor's and the country's welfare becomes one with his own. In the orthodox tradition the Japanese nation is one huge family of homogeneous origin. The praying for its patriarchial chief, the Emperor, affects the whole people.

With all this in mind, what a task faces the Christian missionary! How can he cope with such strongly entrenched material magnificence? How shall he unfasten the bonds of hoary ritual? Who shall break the ancient thought molds in which the spirit is enslaved? Thousands of such questions arise. To every one of them there is but one answer: "with man this is impossible." We can conceive of no enterprise more utterly hopeless than foreign missions without supernatural aid.

The introduction of Christianity into Japan dates from the landing of Francis Xavier, the devout Roman Catholic, at Kagoshima, in 1549. For nearly a century thereafter the Roman Catholic belief spread with rapidity, and the church gained great influence, but the misguided zeal of the Jesuits, who tried to meddle with secular affairs, and other causes, provoked a reaction resulting in the expulsion of the Jesuits and the issuing of an edict in 1613 prohibiting Christianity on pain of death. Many glorious stories of loyalty to the faith are told but, apparently, the cause of Christianity fell to the ground. It was not till 1873 that the prohibition was revoked.

It is interesting to note that Protestantism was the first to come into Japan when the exclusion policy had been given up. In the year following the ratification (1859) of the treaty between Japan and America, the North Mission Board sent four missionaries to Japan. Others soon followed. The story of their toils and successes cannot be given here but the following statistics of some of the leading churches in Japan for 1925 may prove interesting: Roman Catholic, 77,191 communicants; Russian Orthodox, 14,206; Japan Christian (Presbyterian), 30,852; Japan Congregational, 20,885; Japan Episcopal, 20,200; Japan

Baptist, 4,785; Japan Methodist, 23,136; Salvation Army, 9,045. Besides there was, in 1925, an enrollment of 246,790 in 4,146 Sunday Schools, the number of officers and teachers being 18,032.

We note with special interest the figures indicating the numerical standing of the "Japan Christian," that is, the Presbyterian Church in Japan. The Venerable Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Japan, the Reverend H. T. Yamamoto, honored the Deputation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada with a call. He referred affectionately to our Church and spoke of the struggle through which his own had just emerged victorious. Several ministers, elders and leading persons in the Church similarly honored us. The Church is entirely self-governing and self-supporting.

It was our privilege to unite in worship with our brothers of the Presbyterian Church in Japan on Sunday morning, October 9th. Although we understood not a word, the hour proved one we would not have willingly missed. The service was conducted exactly as in one of our Presbyterian Churches at home, with simple dignity and evident devotion. The preacher was the Reverend Mr. Takakura, the pastor of the Church, who had pursued studies both at Oxford and Edinburgh. In his presence one was conscious of ability and piety. The text was from Ephesians 4:9-10, "He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above", etc. The sermon, as we learned from notes supplied by our friend, was expository throughout, and dealt with the great truths of our Holy Faith. It was in the preacher's usual manner for he holds that Christianity cannot live in Japan unless it goes down deep and grips the great truths. Though he never once looked up from his notes he was followed with the greatest attention. Scores had brought their note books (not vest-pocket size but such as a college student might carry into the class room), and they spread them out and began using them the moment the sermon began. The sowing of such seed on such soil has the sure promise of God.

The virility and influence of their Presbyterian Church in Japan may be learned in part from its energetic and successful resistance to the Religious Bill introduced into the last parliament. On its first introduction before the committee of the Diet this Bill, which bears a curious resemblance to another with which Canadian Presbyterians are only too well acquainted, was reported with a vote of thirteen to two. But the Presbyterians feared the bill and determined to oppose it. According to their strong and dignified protest, the Presbyterians considered the bill "an interference with religious freedom." They said, "The object of the law seems to be to put all the religions into one category, to make everything conform to one standard." With the characteristic

Presbyterian instinct for religious freedom and suspicious of religious standardization they fought the bill, fought it practically alone, and so successfully, that the bill was finally thrown out, two to thirteen, an exact reversal of the original vote.

It is in such surroundings as we have endeavored to indicate above that the Presbyterian Church in Canada is now establishing a mission, with the Reverend Luther Young, for twenty-one years a missionary of our Church in Korea, as our first representative. The mission, however, is not to the Japanese people but to the Koreans, who in large numbers (conservative estimates say four to five hundred thousand) are coming here to make for themselves a home. Urged imperiously to find larger room, Japan has reached out for Korea and adjoining territories, one result being an influx of Koreans to Japan. At first, they were mere employment seekers contemplating return to their native land, but, recently, the tendency is toward permanent settlement. Most of the new comers are students and laborers but there is a considerable and rapidly increasing number of women and children. There is no room for them on the land. They must find their sustenance in the whirlpool of the already crowded cities. Many Christians are among them but to the simple Korean, deprived of the benefit of worship with his fellows, the seductive allurement of the large Japanese cities is perilous as many alas! have found. They are as yet too poor to provide religious ordinances for themselves. It is our privilege to help them. Our Church has long been interested in the Koreans. Shall we not follow them into this land, where Christianity is struggling for a foot-hold, and lend them a brother's hand? This is what the Rev. Luther Young and his wife have gone to do for the Korean in Japan. The Presbyterian Church in Canada can support them and hurry reinforcements.

Report of Field Secretary Reveals Bright Prospects

MISS P. B. LAMONT

MY enforced vacation came to an end on August 20th when I went to Dundalk to take Sunday services in Ventry and Corbetton in the Presbytery of Orangeville. I found that Ventry, a country congregation, had a W.M.S. Auxiliary and a Mission Band, but Corbetton had no missionary organization, but agreed to form an Associate Society. As they are a very small group there are not sufficient women to have two Societies. A tour of the Presbyterial was planned to begin about the middle of September. In the meantime, I addressed meetings in St. Paul's and

Chalmers Churches, Toronto, attended meetings of Council and Provincial Executives, assisted Miss Fraser in proof reading the Annual Report and went to Goderich for Huron Presbyterial.

I returned to Orangeville Presbyterial on September 17th, going to Caledon East. On Sunday afternoon I addressed a country congregation of St. Andrew's, Caledon. There has been no W.M.S. organization there for years, but the pastor gave me the assurance that there would be one organized in the near future. In the evening, I spoke to the congregation of Caledon East, and am hoping for a new Mission Band there. On the 23rd I went to Shelburne. I drove six miles to Horning's Mills for their Thank-offering meeting in the afternoon and back to Shelburne—with horse and buggy—for their Thank-offering meeting at night. The Shelburne folk are still worshipping in the town hall, so have little equipment but are facing their difficulties bravely. They have an Auxiliary and Mission Band. The following day I went to Orangeville to take Sunday services there and at Waldemar, ten miles away.

The Orangeville congregation are climbing an uphill road but they are climbing steadily. They have an Auxiliary and a Mission Band, and the teacher of a teen-age Sunday School class agreed to organize them either into a girls' Auxiliary or C.G.I.T. Group. Waldemar, a country congregation, lost very little so are in better shape and doing good work, having an Auxiliary, Y.W. Auxiliary, and Mission Band. I went next to Dundalk where I addressed the Mission Band in the afternoon, and the Auxiliary and Girl Guides at night, both Thank-offering meetings. The Girl Guides are affiliated with the W.M.S. and took part in the evening programme. Maple Valley was visited the following day. They had lost their Church, but on a second vote granted by the Commission, it was returned to them, so they are getting on their feet again, had a W.M.S. organized this year and I am hoping that seed planted will grow into a Mission Band. Returned to Dundalk that afternoon and the next day went in the opposite direction to Swinton Park. They kept their Church, which is a fine building, unusually so for a country congregation, and are going steadily along. I addressed a combined meeting of W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid. Next day I went to Grand Valley where I found splendid organizations — W.M.S. Auxiliary with a large Home Helpers group, a Y.W. Auxiliary, a Mission Band and a young teacher ready and willing to organize her Sunday School class into a C.G.I.T. Group, although she is already President of the Y.W. Auxiliary. She had received her training in a Junior Auxiliary while attending high school in Orangeville. This is just one more example of how it pays to train the teen-age girl. This meeting closed a partial tour of the Orangeville Presbyterial.

In all I visited 12 congregations, and addressed 13 meetings, 8 of which were Thank-offering meetings. In these congregations there were 10 Auxiliaries, 2 Y.W. Auxiliaries, 1 Affiliated Girl Guide Group and 6 Mission Bands with good prospects for additional ones later.

On October 6th I went to Orillia for their Thank-offering. The ladies of the other churches were invited, and there was a splendid attendance and fine spirit. Everything about the meeting spelled out the word "preparation." Had a bus ride back to Toronto that night and left early the following morning for Chesley to begin a tour of Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial, which covered a period of three weeks. This was one of the best arranged tours I have ever had—one meeting a day for every day except Saturdays and arrangements for transportation could not have been better. I addressed in all 17 meetings, reaching 19 congregations, 3 were Sunday services at Hanover, Tara and Burgoyne. I spoke to a Mission Band at Tara, and to a Presbyterial rally of young people at Owen Sound. The others were meetings of one or more Auxiliaries, and in several cases the Mission Band took part in the programme. In Owen Sound the meeting was a combination of the W.M.S. Thank-offering and the monthly missionary meeting of the Young People's Society, with a few older men present. There was evidence of a fine spirit of co-operation. They have a lovely new Church, with the largest membership of any Church in the city, so I was told. A new Mission Band was being organized. There are fine new Churches at Paisley and Port Elgin.

Of the 3 unorganized groups I met—Salem, Gillies Hill and Skipness —Salem will form an Associate Society, they already are having missionary programmes in their Ladies' Aid, and making a donation to the Budget. Skipness will either organize a W.M.S. or unite with Allenford as Home Helpers. I reached every group in the Presbytery except Wiarton, which had arranged for its Thank-offering meeting before they knew a Field Secretary was going to the Presbyterial, and Ayton, where a meeting could not be arranged. In the 19 congregations reached, there are 16 Auxiliaries, 2 Y.W. Auxiliaries, 2 C.G.I.T. Groups and 10 Mission Bands with bright prospects for an Associate Society at Salem, a Mission Band at Owen Sound and a C.G.I.T. Group at Port Elgin, where a young school teacher agreed to organize her Sunday School class of teen-age girls.

Both Orangeville and Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterials are very fortunate in having as President, an experienced worker who is giving much time and energy to completing the organization, and giving assistance and inspiration to the individual Auxiliaries.

Letter Lost in Christmas Rush

Selkirk, Man.

"Would you grant a small space in your columns to convey my grateful appreciation of the gift of that wonderful sketch of the life of "Sister Abigail" and the beautiful letter that accompanied it. In the Christmas rush that letter has been mislaid, and search as I may, can't be found and I do so wish the dear sister to know we used her gift and read it at our services during the week of prayer. The story, because a *real one,* gripped us all young and old, and the day will declare the wonderful influence it has been. One little chap, only seven, was present on the Sabbath evening when the opening chapters were read. Next night he was present and brought his mother. She said he absolutely refused to come without her. And as to the donor's letter I should like her to know that her prayers that I might be kept physically fit were most wonderfully answered that very week when I was seized with an acute attack of tonsilitis and was granted a perfect and speedy recovery. Our Christmas passed very happily, thanks to the many friends who made it possible. We let Santa Claus rest this year and introduced the "Christmas Angel" instead. The service was wonderfully realistic and reverent and was presided over by the Rev. Mr. MacIntosh of Knox Church, Selkirk."

—*Mrs. Mackenzie.*

OUR LETTER BOX

Christmas Festivities at Canora Hospital

"We had a lovely Christmas. The week preceding the eventful day was a very busy one in the nursing department. One little woman had quite a battle for her life Friday afternoon, but she rallied. By Saturday evening we had the hospital and home all decorated. The Masonic Lodge here gave us twenty-five dollars to buy gifts for the patients and goodies. We had thirteen patients in, double what we usually have, so we got the men socks and ties, the two kiddies toys and the women hankies, and had twelve dollars to spend on nuts, fruits, etc.

In the women's ward we had a square decorated off and made sort of a platform out of it, and brought over the piano. Sunday afternoon about forty of the citizens came and gave an hour of music in the wards. The patients certainly seemed to enjoy it. The nurses put forth every effort to make the holiday pleasant for the patients and I know they appreciated it greatly. They had pretty individual fruit baskets and the trays were a picture.

We had our staff dinner at one o'clock Monday and we had such a jolly time. Then in the evening Miss Cameron and I were at Dr. Warren's for dinner, and Miss Mulligan and Miss Wakeham at Dr. Dick's. I thought it lovely of the doctors to entertain us.

The Hospital was certainly well remembered. Besides the lovely dolls and toys sent us in the bale, a Sunday School class, at Melfort, sent us a dozen beautifully dressed dolls. Several Societies sent us magazines for 1928 so your staff out here are wonderfully taken care of and remembered."

—*Miss M. W. Cuddy.*

On the Way to Beautiful Formosa

Taihoku, Formosa.

"We arrived in Yokohoma in the early morning of October 10th, and it was nice to see other steamers, little tugs and native boats once again. Fugi was very clear though there was little snow on the top. Passing the medical examinations and immigration officers was the work of a few minutes. Yokohoma is one mass of ruins, but everywhere buildings are going up and soon it will look as it used to do. A party of five, Rev. Mr. Young, a Presbyterian missionary, his son and son's friend, Miss Burdick and I went up to Tokio. We took rickshaws to the station. The traffic conditions on the streets of Yokohoma are about the most interesting I have ever seen. Here all kinds of conveyances meet and pass as well as pedestrians. There were carts both pushed and pulled by men, ox-carts, mule wagons, bicycles, both two and three wheeled, the latter carrying heavy and large loads, and rickshaws, trucks, beautiful up-to-date motor cars and street cars. There were pedlars with their baskets over their shoulders. Everybody and everything went down the street, the few sidewalks were seldom used. Really, it is quite surprising how well everything went considering the various modes of travel and the width of the street. But things move much slower here than they do at home.

The railway system in Japan is exeellent. The stations in the cities are large and clean. The floors are sprinkled regularly to keep down the dust. The trains are very comfortable, are fast and run on time. We had a most delightful three-quarters of an hour ride up to Tokio. Then we hired an auto for two hours and between us paid two and a half dollars. The expense was small and the trip was worth while. We went around the Emperor's palace but saw only the moat, the old wall and the roofs of the buildings. It was beautiful. We stopped at one of the large Shinto shrines and then went through the armory. It was very interesting for there was such a great variety of arms and armor. Everything was classified and well arranged, but the descriptions were in Japanese so we could not get as much from it as we

otherwise might. Most of the things were very old and strange looking. The zoological gardens were most interesting. It is surprising the number of animals they have there. I saw my first "hippo" but he kept all but his head under water. There was a mother lion with her two little cubs.

The trip from Yokohoma to Kobe was most delightful, the evening in particular. The moon was beautiful but not nearly as gorgeous as it was a few nights later when it stood out in the sky and did not seem to be a part of it. The phosphorous was so brilliant. The next morning the water was very calm and so clear that we could see all kinds of fish swimming about.

We had found out before we reached Japan that we could get a steamer from Kobe, so Miss Burdick and I landed there. The Dicksons had to go out to Shanghai as they did not have their Japanese visa. We stayed for two days at the Pleasanton Hotel. This is one of the cheapest in Kobe and it is run by a jolly old American. The buildings were old and the plaster was off quite a portion of our ceiling, the food was fair, but the very genial atmosphere made up for all its shortcomings.

We were advised to take some lunch along with us as the meals on the boat were not likely to be up to much. We decided to take bread, butter, peanut butter and fruit but when we got on the steamer, we found that we had all but the bread! In our hurry we had forgotten it. After all it was just as well, as the meals were good.

The *Inaba Maru* was a freighter with passenger accommodation. There were just three passengers belonging to the white race on board, a young Scotchman, Miss Burdick and myself. The rest were orientals and mainly steerage passengers. We were on the way four days, one day was spent in Moji. The further south we came the hotter it got. One night in particular was terrible. We had our port holes open and the electric fan going all the time but even then we could not keep cool.

I shall not forget soon our arrival at Keelung and do wish that I could describe it well enough so that you could visualize it. We arrived at six a.m. but needless to say we were up earlier than that—before it was even light. In the distance we could see a long row of lights which turned out to be lights along the rocks and particularly a very large and high one. Just about then the sky grew lighter and it was not long before it was one mass of brilliant colors which were reflected in the water. There was quite a space between the large rock and the rest of the island, and in this were quite a few boats. One, in particular, was so unreal looking. It was a long row boat with three men standing up and they seemed to make a silhouette against the water. Truly Formosa is beautiful. It surpasses all my expectations." —*Miss Ada Adams.*

Prayer

"O GOD, the Light of every heart that sees Thee, the Life of every soul that loves Thee, the Strength of every mind that seeks Thee, grant us ever to continue steadfast in Thy holy love. Give us responsive hearts, O God, our Strength, calling us where and to what work Thou wilt. May we know the joy of venturing forth in Thy service and the continual delight of using Thine own gifts for Thee. Touch us with high and severe ideals. May we scorn all neglect of duty and the selfish ease that sears the conscience and dulls the purpose. Give us the miser's care of even the fragments of time that no gift of Thine may slip from our hands unused, or be by us abused. We thank Thee for the gift of Thy love, Christ Jesus our Lord, for the glorious progress of Christian missions and the increasing arousal of the Church to the duty and privilege of service. Remember, we entreat Thee, all the missionaries of the cross, and bless abundantly those known to us in the home land and distant places of the earth. Endue our members with greater zeal. Comfort all those that sorrow. Give wisdom and journeying mercy to the members of the Commission and grant us all Thy presence to cheer, Thy light to direct us, and strength for Thy service. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen."

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for February

THE ROYAL ROAD

Hymn—"Spirit Divine! Attend Our Prayers." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings* page 61). *Scripture*—Psalm 84. *Minutes. Business. Offering. Solo Study Topic*—"The Royal Road"—Foreword and Introduction. *Hymn*—"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go." *Prayer.*

Notes: Missionary intelligence must underlie all sound missionary interest and devotion. The leader should be a woman of missionary spirit and outlook. The members should be willing to read the Scripture lesson and the prayer, give interesting items from the *Glad Tidings* or summarize an article bearing on the study topic.

For the February meeting we would suggest you take up the new study book. Show a copy and state the number of pages. Tell the number of chapters and the title of each. Read the verse of poetry and explain that the name "The Royal Road," was suggested by that verse. Name the Foreword "Who's Who" and call on different members to tell what they know about each writer. Ask one of the members to read over the foreword and tell in her own words how the "Royal Road," our contribution to the Jubilee of Confederation, came to be written.

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

HINTS FOR OUR FEBRUARY PROGRAMME

"EVERY race of men in the world whether it be black or brown or white, or whatever its name, has had its great men, and it weak ones, its successes and its failures, its good citizens and its evil ones, and above all its great heroes of whom every member of that race, and even the whole world has been proud. So has it been with the peoples of Bohemia, and the kindred races of Europe, and among its heroic characters there stands out the fine figure of John Huss, a preacher, whose convictions cost him his life." See "Heroes of Our Homelands," p. 51.

Aim.—To lead the girls to realize that Christianity has been saved for us by martyrs in every age; to help them cherish this inheritance and to see the need of passing it on to others.

Scripture reading.—Acts 6:1-8; 7:51-60.

After one of the girls has read or told the story of John Huss, have a period of meditation on the theme: "What am I willing to do for Christ?"

Christianity and Presbyterianism have lived in Europe because of men like Martin Luther, Knox and Huss. In Canada many of our new Canadians have come from the southern countries of Europe, among these being a large number of Hungarian Presbyterians. For years the Presbyterian Church in Canada was the only Christian agency doing work among these people. See "Our Canadian Mosaic" p. 40 for information.

Refer to the January *Glad Tidings*, p. 8 and read the splendid article by Rev. Frank Kovacs on our "Hungarian Presbyterians." Note that the new Hungarian minister in Windsor is a descendant of Szenczi Molnar who might be called the Hungarian Knox. Draw attention to *The Royal Road*, just off the press, for information on the Hungarians (p. 98).

Discuss what we can do to help this work.

Would your girls like to subscribe to the Hungarian Observer, *Figyelo*, price $1.00, and so assist Hungarian work in Canada?

Every group should procure a copy of "A Call to Service"—a beauti-

ful tribute to Miss Agnes Dulmage, our missionary who died in China last year. Price 25c.

Leaders will find the new Missionary Wall Chart, advertised elsewhere, invaluable for arousing interest in our mission fields and missionaries. Hang it in your class room. (Price 15c.)

Many groups at Christmas time gladdened the hearts of the needy with Christmas cheer baskets. Some made and filled stockings for the children in the primary departments in the Sabbath School, some sent gifts to our School Homes, Hospitals and Indian Schools. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

St. Andrew's C.G.I.T., Edmonton, has been re-organized under leadership of Mrs. A. B. Campbell and Miss Jessie Shaw.

First Church C.G.I.T., Edmonton, sent a box of Christmas cheer to Kitscoty, and Strathcona C.G.I.T., one to Ardrossan.

Miss Rosetta Moors represented Alberta at a meeting of the Students Christian Movement in Detroit, beginning December 28th.

MISSION BANDS

RALLY DAY PROGRAMME

Our Motto.—The Golden Rule.

Rally Song.—"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus."

Scripture Lesson.—St. John 6:1-14 (especial emphasis on verse 9).

Prayer: Our dear Heavenly Father, as we study and think about the new Canadians in this our own dear land, help us to learn the great lesson our motto, the golden rule, teaches. Dear Father, grant that we may never forget that in Christ Jesus all are brothers, whether the color of the skin be red, black, brown or white. Amen.

Greetings.

Address.

Offering—"A Love Gift."

"I cannot do great things for Him
Who did so much for me,
But I should like to show my love,
Dear Jesus unto Thee,
And so my little gift I bring
For Him who gives me everything."

Closing Hymn.—"Can a Little Child Like Me?"

The Lord's Prayer.

Chinese Mothers and Children Enjoy a Christmas Tree

Miss Agnes I. Dickson

HAD you chanced to have been walking along Queen Street, in the vicinity of Church Street, Toronto, on the late afternoon of December 17th, you would have noticed many eager Chinese children, their brown eyes bright with pleasure and excitement, hurrying towards Cooke's Church. Had you ventured to question them as to where they were going, the answer would have been given without a moment's hesitation: "To the Christmas tree"—the red letter event of all the year. Supper was announced for five o'clock, but an hour earlier the children began to arrive, and by the appointed time nineteen mothers and about one hundred children had assembled. What a picture they made with their pretty bright dresses, and sparkling black eyes—and the adorable babies!

The little ones kept incessantly circling about the beautiful gift-laden tree, in eager anticipation of the good things in store. Dr. Gibson, the pastor of the Church, presided over the feast and welcomed the guests, the children who were not too timid to leave their mothers being seated at a tiny table of their own. The girls and boys of the older classes assisted in serving.

At the close of the supper, which had been provided by the Women's Auxiliary, a flash light was taken, followed by a short programme under the direction of Mr. Hammond, the Superintendent of the school. This was unique in that each of the Chinese classes provided one item on the programme, entirely new to all the other classes. The sweetest number, perhaps, was an exercise with the letters of the word JOY, by six tiny tots from the Chinese primary department.

Short addresses, interspersed with singing, were given by Rev. K. C. Yeung, our new Chinese minister, Dr. W. D. Noyes, Mr. Fyfe and Mr. Rhodes of Knox Church, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. T. D. Lo, Chinese minister for the United Church.

Then came the climax so eagerly awaited by the children—the distribution of the gifts. These were provided through the generosity of the United Church W.M.S. and the Toronto Presbyterial of the Presbyterian W.M.S. Through the kindness of the latter, a beautiful quilt was presented to each of the mothers who attend the Sabbath afternoon service for women. Special mention must also be made of the beautifully dressed dolls sent in by Todmorden Y.W.A., through Mrs. Thomas, the Provincial Supply Secretary, and the equally beautiful dolls and other gifts prepared by Miss Heale's class in Calvin Church.

All good times come to an end, but it was a happy company who said

good-night at last, and happy little arms that clung tightly to their precious gifts, as they were lifted into the cars that conveyed them home.

The appreciation of the Chinese ladies was expressed in the gifts provided, by them, for the ladies who had planned so thoughtfully for them all.

When Thou Prayest

ASK THAT OUR:

Church Boards — General Board of Missions, W.M.S. Council Executive, Provincial and Presbyterial Executives, Department Committees and Secretaries may have a clear vision of their tasks, and that in their deliberations and decisions they may be guided and controlled by the Holy Spirit, that God's will may be fulfilled through them.

That money may be forthcoming to meet all needs.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

THE Moderator in sending New Year's greetings to the Presbyterians of Alberta through the medium of the "News Bulletin" says: "I must, first of all, congratulate the Provincial Women's Missionary Society on its wisdom and energy in instituting so valuable a means of circulating missionary information among the congregations of the Synod. I trust that the venture will prove a means of stimulating missionary zeal throughout the whole province."

Rupert Street M.B., Edmonton, at a lantern slide entertainment, made $20.00 to buy materials for toys, etc., for McMurray Hospital.

St. John's W.M. Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, had a good year. Miss Sinclair addressed the Thank-offering meeting in November, the C.G.I.T. being guests. The allocation is over-realized. The M.B. had a good year, and plans a party to which they will bring toys, etc., for the school and hospital box.

The Provincial Annual Meeting is planned for Calgary, early in April, Miss Pelton will be the speaker.

The W.M.S. annual prayer meeting was held January 17th.

St. Andrew's W.M. Auxiliary, Edmonton, raised its allocation. The Home Helpers raised $25. Prof. Adam was speaker at the annual meeting.

Vermilion has organized a Mission Band. The W.M. Auxiliary sent out 100 pounds of literature, made 44 visits to the sick and new-comers, and sent in $35. Fifteen, as against six last year, subscribe to *Glad Tidings*, 20 to the *Record*.

Mr. Hall of Vegreville reports "25 first memory course certificates, and 9 second course have been presented at Vegreville Sunday School. The M.B. has 50 members and collected over $9.00 in three meetings. There are 41 children in the School Homes; 2 leave at the year-end, but 3 more ask admission. We have a lantern I use for lectures Friday evenings, and Sunday nights when Mr. Robertson is not here. A Sunday School in Toronto is buying it for us. We rent films at 25c. a week. We have a fine rink for outside sports."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

DR. CAROLINE MACDONALD of Tokio, Japan, who is on six weeks' visit to Canada, spent a few hours in Vancouver on her way east to spend Christmas with her mother. She intends to return to Japan in February.

Miss Edith Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary, has completed her work in the Westminster and Victoria Presbyterials. She has covered the district pretty thoroughly, speaking in several churches to large gatherings of young people and showing herself closely in touch with all their problems. She considered the Sunday School work with trained consecrated teachers most important, in view of the scanty religious training most children receive in their homes. Miss Sinclair also gave an outline of her work to the members of the Provincial W.M.S. Board. They were much impressed with her charming personality and were convinced that she was the proper person for that work in view of her keen understanding and close sympathy with the young people.

MANITOBA

MRS. G. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

WINNIPEG P.S.—It seemed fitting that the first time we gathered in our new Church as a Missionary Society should be for our Thank-offering meeting, and the hearts of the women that filled the room overflowed with joy in once again having a Church home. On this special occasion we were particularly blessed in being addressed by Mr. Gunasekera,

a converted high caste Hindu, a direct product of foreign missionary effort in India. The speaker laid great stress on the importance of mission schools that bring the message of Jesus to the young, and closed by quoting these words from an address of an unconverted Hindu to the missionaries:

1. Live more after the pattern of Christ.
2. Come to us in the spirit of Christ.
3. Do not tone down the teachings of Jesus, nor compromise with our religions.
4. Put your emphasis on love—the soul of the Christian faith.
5. Learn something about the spiritual side of Hindu life.
6. India is a land of sorrows. Our cup is full to overflowing with sorrow. Jesus Christ is the Man of Sorrows, so come to us as Jesus would come.

The following resolution was passed at the meeting of the Synod of Manitoba, which convened in Brandon, November 9th, 1927: "That the Synod of Manitoba express to the Manitoba Provincial of the Women's Missionary Society, its sincere appreciation of their successful labors within the bounds of Synod; its willing co-operation in all the efforts of the Society to extend the work of the Church at home and abroad; also its thanks to Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, the Provincial President, for her splendid address at the meeting last night."

The Mission Band of St. John's, Winnipeg, opened its second year with 21 members. The meetings were held twice a month, alternate days were work days. The study book was used, also stories from the Bible and missionary stories. The allocation of $20.00 was collected and two Junior Certificates purchased. When the allocation was read out one little girl wanted to give the money from her school bank which was just twenty dollars. This same girlie grew sweet pease in her garden selling them to her mother, and bringing in a dollar to the September meeting. The girls dressed eighteen dolls for Christmas. The boys helped with scrap books, puzzles, raffia frames and doubled post cards. Their Christmas bale was considered worth twenty dollars.

The Mission Band and C.G.I.T. of Calvin Church, Winnipeg, held a special meeting before Christmas. A number of the missionary ladies were present and a very fine programme was given by the girls. Mrs. Huntley, who had attended the Council addressed them. Her subject was "Peace on Earth" and she urged linking the children up with the Mission Bands so that they may hear of the "Peace" and live the "Sunshine Way."

The final meeting for 1927, of the W.M.S. of Calvin Church, Weston, was held at the home of Mrs. Downie, one of its faithful members. The report for last year was read by Mrs. W. Smith, the Treasurer, and showed a very successful year.

ONTARIO

Mrs. G. Tower Fergusson, 70 Madison Ave., Toronto, Press Secretary

THE annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Society will be held in Guelph, Ontario, on April 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1928. Fuller announcement will be given next month.

Barrie P.S.—This year the Thank-offering meetings proved most helpful and interesting. Several of these have been reported.

Orillia had a splendid meeting when Miss P. B. Lamont, our Field Secretary, gave an inspiring message. Mrs. R. S. Stratton, who has been a member of that Auxiliary for the forty years of its existence, was presented with a Life Membership and pin.

Oro Esson, though a small Auxiliary, is wide awake and doing a great work. Mr. Fred. Goforth, son of Rev. Jonathan Goforth, D.D., of China, was student missionary there for the summer and encouraged the already strong missionary spirit.

At Penetanguishene a paper on "Christian Leadership" was given by Mrs. George Wright who has herself been a faithful leader and member of that Auxiliary since its beginning, thirty-four years ago.

Dr. Margaret O'Hara, of India, spoke of her work at a well-attended meeting at Wyebridge. All present felt it was a real privilege to be there.

Chatham P.S.—At the November meeting of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Mrs. Bowman, Supply Secretary of the Auxiliary, was presented with a Life Membership certificate by a member of the Society who enjoys the privilege and pleasure of presenting a Life Membership each year. This in itself seems scarcely worth mentioning, but back of it all is a story of such true devotion and loyalty, that it seems quite fitting to pass it on. The donor of these certificates lost her parents many years ago, and instead of placing flowers in the Church each year in memory of her loved ones who have gone, she makes some one a Life Member of the W.M.S.

Knox Church W.M.S., Leamington, reports the gift of a piano to that Auxiliary, by Mr. William Smith, in loving memory of his wife, who was a faithful member of the W.M.S., and President of the Society at the time of her death.

From Duart, with a congregation of about one hundred members, and a live W.M.S. of twenty-five members, comes very encouraging reports. At their November meeting, their birthday box was opened. It contained so nearly twenty-five dollars, that the Auxiliary decided to make it twenty-five, and make one of their members a Life Member. This little band of enthusiastic women expect to go beyond their allocation.

The W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, reports that at their November meeting they had the pleasure of presenting Life Member-

ship certificates to three of their members, Mrs. Donald Angus, Mrs. James Waugh and Mrs. James Oldershaw. It was found necessary to fill some vacancies on the Presbyterial Executive, and Mrs. James Keats was nominated for *Glad Tidings* Secretary and Mrs. F. A. Steinke for Literature and Library Secretary.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

The Late Mrs. Ephriam Scott

Another serious loss to the W.M.S. is the passing of Mrs. Ephriam Scott who was closely identified with the work of the Montreal Society from 1892 to 1914, and after the union of the three Societies was a member of the Quebec Provincial Board.

Mrs. Scott came to Montreal with a record of faithful and enthusiastic work in the Eastern Society and was warmly welcomed into the W.M.S. in her new home.

Her clearness of judgment made her a valuable organizer and either alone or in company with Mrs. Robert Campbell, she aided in organizing a number of the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands in the Province of Quebec. Her interest did not end with the organization for she did much to foster these young Societies by her friendly visits and wise counsel.

For several years Mrs. Scott was convener of the Literature Committee and, in 1904, she assumed the duties of Chief Editor of the new little magazine, the *Woman's Missionary Outlook*, although she declined to assume the title. She held this office till 1912 and until the *Missionary Outlook* was merged in the *Missionary Messenger* in 1914, the little leaflet owed much of its success and helpfulness to her able and devoted management.

Though always ready with her pen, she was averse to any public speaking. She loved the intimate friendly talk of a parlor meeting, and it was in the small Auxiliaries that she did her best work. At an annual meeting her chosen part was to organize a "model Auxiliary meeting" or conduct the question-box, where her quiet humor helped her through some difficult places.

In the troubled years before June, 1925, Mrs. Scott's powers, like those of her husband, were given full scope in the work of the Women's League for the preservation of their Church. Her organizing powers were again in demand for the developing of local branches, her keen critical faculty made her a valuable addition to the Literature Committee and her pen was kept busy arousing interest and encouraging activity among the fine bands of women in the Maritime Provinces as well as in the Province of Quebec, who were indefatigable in their devoted labors.

When the battle was over, she returned to her first love and devoted her energies to the W.M.S. She fulfilled the arduous duties of Convener of the Nominating Committee from April, 1925, until her impaired health, of which no member of the Board was aware, caused her to send in her resignation last November, a resignation which the Board was loath to accept. Almost immediately after came the shock of her serious illness and death.

While grieving for the loss of a valued leader, the heart of the W.M.S. goes out in abounding sympathy to Dr. Scott in his bereavement and loneliness.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

SASKATOON.—Mrs. Horne, of Moose Jaw, Provincial President, who was a guest of Parkview Auxiliary at its annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon, December 6th, gave an address on the work of the W.M.S. in connection with the church as a whole. Rev. W. J. Burnett, pastor of the congregation who was also a guest at the meeting, replied on behalf of the congregation. Reports of the year's activities were most encouraging in spite of the fact that there had been several changes of secretaries during the year, due to the removal of some of the members from the city. Owing to the illness of the President, Mrs. W. Cuthbert, Miss Steenson took the chair for the meeting after which Mrs. Horne presided at the election of officers. A social half hour followed the meeting.

Moose Jaw.—St. Paul's Church held their Thank-offering meeting on November 28th, at the home of Mrs. Way, President of the Auxiliary. Mrs. J. H. Drynan gave the address. Very gratifying reports were received. One new Life Member was recorded.

Regina.—First Presbyterian Church held their last meeting for the year December 14th. The reports were very encouraging and showed earnest, conscientious work on the part of the officers. We are more than delighted to have Mrs. J. A. Sinclair our worthy President for another year. Mrs. Walter Martin presided during the election of officers. We feel we are well away for another prosperous year.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

Guelph P.S.—Gale Ch. M.B., Elmira.

Hamilton P.S.—St. Paul's Missionary Guild, Hamilton; Dundas Y.W.A.; Junior M.B., St. David's Ch., Hamilton.

Sarnia P.S.—"Onward" M.B., Brigden.

Toronto P.S.—Aurora M.B.

Quebec

Montreal P.S.—Westmount Y.W.A.

Quebec P.S.—"Excelsior" M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., Asbestos.

Saskatchewan

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—Melfort Aux.

Regina P.S.—Estevan Aux.

Life Members

Alberta Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. J. Barber, Mrs. J. Wyman, Mrs. J. Magrath, Mrs. C. Ross, Grace Ch. Aux., Calgary; Mrs. A. McDonald, Mrs. F. Day, of Group No. 10, Grace Ch., Calgary.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Margaret Fraser, May McNeill, Jean McVean, "I.X.L." M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., Lethbridge.

British Columbia Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. Jas. Hyde, St. Stephens Aux., North Vancouver; Mrs. Walter Ellis, Miss Edith Murray, Fairview Aux., Vancouver.

Manitoba Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. H. Sinclair, St. James Ch. Aux., Winnipeg; Mrs. D. G. Ross, Selkirk Aux.; Mrs. J. M. Neilson, Carberry Aux.; Mrs. Mary Wells, Wellwood Aux.; Mrs. Charles Watson, St. Andrew's Aux., Brandon.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Miss Helen Rapko, "All People's Mission" Gonor; Winona Blackwell, Jean Montgomery, Bertha Schiedel, Ethel Watson, Marion Cowan, Jean Savage, Doris Savage, Marjorie Marshall, Agnes McLean, Jack Tait, Gordon Savage, Billie Manson, Doris Findley (Blue Seal), Olive Sproule (Blue Seal), Nellie Douglas (Blue Seal), George Cowan (Blue Seal), St. Andrew's M.B., Brandon.

Ontario Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Miss Edna Frances, Brampton Aux.; Miss Agnes Herminston, Hastings Aux.; Miss Laura Crawford, of Grant Hill, Janet Geggie Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Wilfred Lloyd, Morningside Aux., Toronto; Mrs. John McCulloch, Clifford Aux.; Mrs. Peter Coutts, Conn Aux.; Mrs. John Dewar, Pioneer Aux., Wyoming; Mrs. John Gray, Wingham Aux.; Mrs. James Ross, Lakefield Aux.; Miss Flossie Ellison, Mrs. Edith May Jerman, Miss Ethel Bell Wenger, Victoria Ch. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Wm. Dobie, Rosedale Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Sadie Earl, Cooke's Aux., Toronto; Miss Annie Beattie, Corunna M.B.; Miss Barbara Livingston, Y.W. Aux., Knox Ch., Waterloo; Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Agnes Brodigan, Mrs. L. T. Anderson, Mrs. Mary

Jane Finnie, St. Paul's Aux., Peterboro; Mrs. W. J. Bell, Beeton Aux.; Miss Maggie Ross, Lancaster Aux.; Mrs. Alex. McKee, Picton Aux.; Mrs. Thos. Spry, Mrs. James Montgomery, St. Andrew's Aux., Stirling; Mrs. E. Brown, Knox Aux., Windsor; Mrs. Agnes Stewart, Good Hope Aux., First Ch., Chatham; Miss M. Gordon, Miss H. Davies, Miss K. Davies, Miss E. Mott, Y.W. Aux., Brockville; Miss Mary Jane Fleming, Mrs. Richard Haggarty, St. Andrew's Aux., West Huntingdon; Mrs. Elizabeth Burns, Eversley Aux.; Mrs. W. J. Climie, Mrs. John Pretswell, Knox Aux., Listowel; Mrs. Gilbert Hyndman, Tait's Corners Aux.; Mrs. W. B. Thompson, Fort Frances Aux.; Mrs. Philip M. Macdonnell of Kingston, First Ch. Aux., Port Arthur; Mrs. F. L. Tooker, Mrs. Z. R. Rowe, Brockville Aux.; Mrs. Isabella Owen, Mrs. Janet McKenzie, Royce Ave. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. John McBean, Georgetown Aux.; Mrs. Isabella Bessey, Georgetown M.B.; Miss A. Wilson, Bedford Park Evening Aux., Eglington, Toronto; Mrs. M. J. Lundy, Mrs. A. Wallace, Bonar Aux., Toronto.

A Correction.—In January list, Miss Helen Alma Oliver, St. Andrew's Aux., North Easthope, should read, North Easthope Auxiliary.

Junior Members

Mildred Noble, Margaret Bullock, Kathleen Wenger, Frances Wilson, John Charles Leachman, Isobel Thomson, Russel Boyd Ferguson, Dolly McKillop (Blue Seal), Agnes Thomson (Blue Seal), Ralph Howson (Blue Seal), Kathleen Schaffer (Blue Seal), Gwendolyn Card (Blue Seal), Graham Card (Blue Seal), Margaret Wilson (Blue Seal) Jean Ferguson (Blue Seal), Margaret Hunter (Blue Seal), Robina Hunter (Blue Seal), Marguerite Wallace (Silver Seal), Elizabeth Arnold (Gold Seal), Anne Montgomery (Gold Seal), Victoria Ch. M.B., Toronto; Eileen Radford, Rogers M.B., Toronto; Isabel Mary Carter, Bear Creek Aux.; Alexander Davidson, Agnes Davidson, Jessie Davidson (Gold Seals), Jessie McBean M.B., Knox Ch., Agincourt; Margaret McGeorge, Mary McGeorge, Avis Archibald, Grace Fletcher, Viola Soutar (Silver Seal), First Ch. M.B., Chatham; Emma Myrta Alles, Elizabeth Jean Aitken, "Willing Workers" M.B., Holstein; David Hugh Parker, Wingham M.B.; Douglas Gordon Smellie, Bryce Davidson (Blue Seal), Marion Keith (Blue Seal), Eleanor Jean Lawrie (Blue Seal), High Park M.B., Toronto; Pauline Weir Foote, Mary Eileen Hailstone, Wilhelmine Mackenzie, Margaret Isabella Mackenzie, Margery Ellis (Blue Seal), "Seed Sowers" M.B., St. Peter's Ch., Madoc; Eleanor Campbell, Lawrence Campbell, Jean Armstrong, "Willing Workers" M.B., Iroquois; Doris Rowland, Jean Gibson, Margaret Inglis, Knox Ch. M.B., Stratford; Lillian Alice Blow, South Mountain M.B.; Miss Florence Muriel Bruce, Prescott M.B.; Miss Doris Bessey, Georgetown M.B.; Jessie Grubb, Elizabeth Sinclair, Calvin M.B., Toronto; Clayton Smith, Helen Ross Birris, Donald Patterson, Aileen Marguerite Fiddes, Norma Gertrude Alteman, Frances Ina Peer, Jean Fallis, Charlotte Graydon Thomas (Blue Seal), Ross Alexander Fiddes (Blue Seal), Brampton M.B.; Miss Marion Saunders (Blue Seal), Corunna M.B.

In Memoriam Subscriptions

In Loving Memory of:

Miss Margaret Hay, by her sister, Mrs. D. Shuert, St. David's Aux., Campbellville; Mrs. R. J. McLean, by Mr. Glover, to St. Paul's Aux., Toronto.

W.M.S. ESTIMATES FOR 1928

NATIONAL MISSIONS

HOSPITALS

South Porcupine, Ont.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,320.00	
1st Nurse	1,080.00	
2nd Nurse	1,080.00	
Insurance	160.00	
Repairs to Cellar	100.00	
		$3,740.00
Fort McMurray, Alta.—		
Superintendent's Salary	1,200.00	
Maintenance	600.00	
Rent	144.00	
		$1,944.00
"Hugh Waddell Memorial" Hospital, Canora, Sask.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Secretary's Salary	950.00	
Four Nurses' Salaries at $900.00 each	3,600.00	
Insurance	305.00	
		$6,055.00
"Roland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,130.00	
Three Nurses' Salaries at $900.00 each	2,700.00	
Insurance	136.00	
Repairs and Alterations	2,000.00	
Taxes	400.00	
		$6,366.00
Drug Contingency	500.00	
General Contingency	500.00	
		$1,000.00
		$19,105.00

ORIENTALS IN CANADA

Montreal—		
Miss Reid, Expenses and Rent	$595.00	
Caretaker for school-room	30.00	
Rent of Piano	60.00	
Miss Hattie Jue, Salary	600.00	
Additional Equipment	25.00	
		$1,310.00
Brockville—		
Miss Davies, Honorarium	$200.00	
Expenses	50.00	
		$250.00
Toronto—		
Miss Dickson, Rent and Expenses	$570.00	
Christmas Grant	10.00	
		$580.00

Vancouver—		
Miss G. Lawrence, Salary	$1,250.00	
Miss Dickman, Half Salary	420.00	
Additional Equipment	50.00	
		$1,720.00
Victoria—		
Mrs. Macqueen, Salary	$1,117.50	
Miss Scott, Salary	976.66	
Miss Lily Chan, Salary	428.33	
Additional Equipment	25.00	
		$2,547.49
Persian Work—		
Rev. E. O. Eshoo, Salary		$1,800.00
Expansion—		
Miss Reid, Travelling Expenses Visiting Chinese Women in Eastern Ontario and Quebec	$150.00	
Substitute Teacher	60.00	
		$210.00
General Contingency		200.00
		$8,617.49

EDUCATIONAL

SCHOOL HOMES

New Liskeard—		
Superintendent's Salary	$720.00	
Taxes	325.22	
Insurance	57.15	
Fuel	170.18	
Repairs and Alterations	200.45	
		$1,473.00
Saskatoon, Sask.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Assistant Superintendent's Salary	720.00	
Taxes	600.00	
Contingency	500.00	
		$3,020.00
"Lucy Baker," Prince Albert, Sask.—		
Matron's Salary	$ 720.00	
Maintenance and School Fees	1,200.00	
Fuel	250.00	
Taxes	200.00	
Insurance	247.00	
Repairs	50.00	
		$2,667.00
Huntingdon, Que.—		
Final Payment	$2,500.00	
Repairs and Alterations	2,500.00	
Taxes	100.00	
Salaries, Maintenance and Contingency	2,000.00	
		$7,100.00

Boys' and Girls' School Homes, Vegreville, Alta.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Teacher's Salary	1,320.00	
Matron	814.80	
Assistant Matron	480.00	
Maintenance	3,000.00	
School Fees	180.00	
Fuel	460.00	
Taxes	400.00	
Insurance	168.60	
Lighting	185.00	
Feed for Stock	150.00	
Repairs	200.00	
		$8,558.40
Canora School Home (Closed)		
Insurance		210.00
		$23,028.40

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS

"Cecilia Jeffrey," Ont. (P.O. Indian Bay, Man.)—		
Principal's Salary	$1,400.00	
Matron's Salary	700.00	
Senior Teacher	720.00	
Junior Teacher	660.00	
Insurance	250.00	
		$3,730.00
Birtle Man.—		
Principal's Salary	$1,400.00	
Matron's Salary	850.00	
Senior Teacher	720.00	
Junior Teacher	720.00	
Assistant Matron	500.00	
Seamstress	500.00	
Other Helper	500.00	
Insurance	387.00	
		$5,577.00
Mistawasis Indian School, Sask.		850.00
		$10,157.00

SOCIAL SERVICE

Toronto—		
Miss M. Murray, Salary	$1,135.00	
Expenses	155.00	
Miss Gunn, Salary	1,010.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Stenographer, Part Salary	598.00	
Miss Whitby, Salary	960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$4,098.00
Hamilton—		
Miss M. Allen, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$1,080.00

Montreal—		
Miss L. MacArthur, Salary	$1,110.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Miss Iris Munro, Salary	960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Miss Hugill, Salary	1,150.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Quebec—		$3,580.00
Miss R. R. Scott, Honorarium		300.00
Winnipeg—		
Mrs. Jean Howey, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	158.28	
Gonor (Selkirk) Man.—		$1,118.28
Mrs. M. MacKenzie, Salary	$1,200.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Vancouver, B.C.—		$1,320.00
Mrs. J. F. MacLean, Salary	$600.00	
Expenses	84.00	
Murrayville, B.C.—		$684.00
Mrs. Wright, Salary (part time)	$150.00	
Expenses	30.00	
		$180.00
Contingency		786.00
		$13,146.28
Total for National Missions		$74,054.17

OVERSEAS WORK

INDIA

Bhil Field

Salaries—		
Miss Robson	$1,000.00	
Miss Maxwell	800.00	
Miss McConnell	650.00	
Miss Williamson	650.00	
		$3,100.00
Evangelistic Work	$ 333.00	
Language Study	240.00	
Educational	3,811.00	
Repairs	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	500.00	
		$5,884.00

Gwalior

Salaries—		
Miss Stringer	$700.00	
Miss Whatling	700.00	
Miss Simpson	650.00	
		$2,050.00
Educational and Evangelistic	$3,000.00	
Language Study	360.00	
Car	900.00	
Miscellaneous	500.00	
		$4,760.00
		$15,794.00

FORMOSA		
Salaries—		
Kinney, Miss J. M.	$1,000.00	
Connell, Miss H.	1,000.00	
Clazie, Miss M. G.	1,000.00	
Gauld, Mrs.	1,000.00	
Gauld, Miss Gretta	800.00	
Senior, Miss A.	800.00	
Adams, Miss A.	650.00	
Burdick, Miss A. M.	650.00	
Koa, Mrs.	650.00	
		$7,550.00
Travel—		
Miss Kinney to Canada		$350.00
Evangelistic—		
Bible Women	$600.00	
Travel on Field	400.00	
		$1,000.00
Educational—		
Girls' School, Principal	$1,600.00	
Girls' School Maintenance	3,700.00	
Women's School "	550.00	
Kindergarten "	750.00	
		$6,600.00
Medical—		
Nurses' Salaries and Hospital Supplies		$2,000.00
Miscellaneous—		
Language Teachers	$600.00	
Postage and Stationery	25.00	
Maintenance of W.M.S. Property	800.00	
Land Taxes	250.00	
		$1,675.00
Total Estimates from Field		$19,175.00
Miss Cummings, Salary	$650.00	
Travel and Expenses	500.00	
		$1,150.00
New Missionary—		
Salary (half year)	$325.00	
Outfit	200.00	
Linen	50.00	
Travel	500.00	
		$1,075.00
		$21,400.00
CHINA		
Manchuria China		
Salaries for Miss Graham and Miss Kok (Cook)	$1,600.00	
Two Bible Women	160.00	
Evangelistic Touring	200.00	
Summer Allowance	150.00	
Incidentals	130.00	
Rent Mission House	500.00	
Rent Country Work	200.00	
Literature	60.00	
		$3,000.00

South China

Salaries: Dr. MacBean, Misses Reid, Crockett and Dickson	$3,900.00	
Grant to Hackett Medical College	1,000.00	
Expenses for Dr. MacBean	100.00	
		$5,000.00

Shanghai

Grant to Mrs. D. MacGillivrary for Christian Literature		$50.00
		$8,050.00

JAPAN

Tokio

Grant to Dr. Caroline Macdonald		$2,000.00
Korean Work in Japan—		
Salary, New Lady Missionary	$ 800.00	
Travel to Field	500.00	
Outfit Allowance	200.00	
Vacation Allowance	75.00	
Language Teacher	360.00	
Two Bible Women, Salary and Travel	1,000.00	
Support of Two Bible Women in Bible Institute, Pyeng Yang, Korea	150.00	
		$3,085.00
		$5,085.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Five Scholarships for 10 months		$ 300.00
Miss Cropper, Salary (half time)	$325.00	
Miss Cropper, Lodging and Expenses	320.00	
		$ 645.00
Miss Barlow, Salary	$800.00	
Travel from and to Field and Expenses	$407.90	
		$1,207.90
New Missionary, Salary	$650.00	
Room Rent	200.00	
Expense Allowance	120.00	
Outfit	200.00	
Travel to Field	190.45	
		$1,360.45
Teacher for Girls' High School, Salary	$900.00	
Outfit	200.00	
Passage	190.45	
		$1,290.45
		$4,803.80
Total of Overseas Missions		$55,132.80

PUBLICATIONS

Editor, Salary	$1,500.00	
Secretary-Treasurer of Publications, Salary	1,500.00	
Assistant	1,000.00	
Office Rent, part	1,050.00	
New Publications	850.00	
Contingency	500.00	
		$6,400.00

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ORGANIZATION

Field Secretaries—		
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Expenses	600.00	
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Expenses	600.00	
Girls' Work Secretary—		
Miss Edith Sinclair, Salary (part)	600.00	
Assistant	200.00	
Expenses	400.00	
Camps in Provinces	200.00	
Missionary Deputation Work	300.00	
Extra Field Worker for part of year, Salary and Expenses	900.00	
Contingency	200.00	
		$6,400.00

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Expenses	$750.00

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Federated Fees		50.00	
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			$7,350.00
Church Extension			$1,000.00

DEPUTATION

Commission Delegation to Orient	$1,000.00
Missionary and Board Members	1,000.00

ADMINISTRATION

Bookkeeper's Salary	$1,200.00	
Stenographer's Salary (part)	598.00	
Office Rent (part)	1,050.00	
Auditing	250.00	
General Office Expenses	1,600.00	
Council Expenses	9,000.00	
Annual Reports	1,300.00	
Exchange	1,000.00	
		$15,998.00

SUMMARY

National Missions	$74,054.17
Overseas Work	55,132.80
Publication	6,400.00
Christian Literature	300.00
Organization	6,400.00
Student	750.00
Miscellaneous	7,350.00
Deputation	2,000.00
Administration	15,998.00
Church Extension	1,000.00
General Contingency	615.03
	$170,000.00

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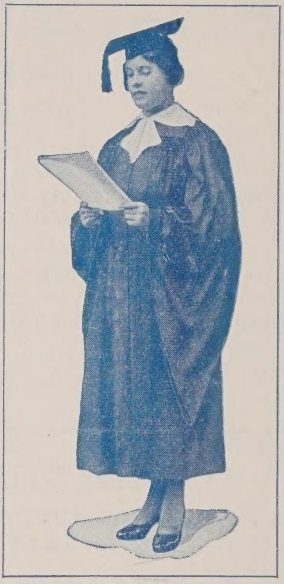

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"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

WITH profound sorrow we record the death, on February 2nd, of the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Rev. William Leslie Clay, D.D., of Victoria, B.C., and also that of the chairman of the Assembly's Board of Administration, Mr. Thomas McMillan, of Toronto, who passed to his reward on January 28th. In times of great affliction the soul sits dumb, and thus it is now. Two leaders have been taken. Our Church, and the congregation to which the late Dr. Clay ministered for thirty-three years, has been bereft, while the Assembly's Board of Administration has suffered a great loss in the removal by death of the one whose hand held so firmly and guided so wisely the helm of a great ship.

As a W.M.S. we would acknowledge the many unrecorded kindnesses of the late Moderator, and the gracious tributes he paid, in his official addresses throughout Canada, to the service the members of the W.M.S. had rendered in the preservation and upbuilding of our Church. After his appointment to the Moderatorship one of the first engagements he made was to be present at the Council of the W.M.S. which meets in Vancouver in May.

We also hold in grateful remembrance the valuable service which Mr. McMillan rendered the Church and W.M.S. during the reconstruction days, in the framing of policies and making of plans by which our W.M.S. became a Board of the Church. Possibly only our leaders know how great that service was.

To Mrs. Clay and her family, and to Mrs. McMillan and Mr. McMillan's two sons, we would offer our sympathy, saying to them as we say to ourselves: *"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."*

THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS in the Council Executive year are admittedly the presentation and acceptance of the estimates, and the announcement of the receipts for the year. Only those who have experienced it, can have any conception of the solemnity of the moment when the members, having heard the detail of the amount required for each field, are asked to accept the responsibility of meeting the obligation. The

sum set for 1928 is the same as that for 1927, $170,000.00. In accepting this figure the members did so without knowing whether the allocation for the previous year would be met, since this cannot be known until the books are closed on January 31st, and audited. Never doubting, they went forward. It was a venture of faith.

As we write these words the thrill of the second session is upon us, and we live again that wonderful hour when the Treasurer took us step by step to the very heights and there revealed to us the glory of sacrifice, and the faith and faithfulness of our women who had brought into the treasury of the Lord $180,439.38, or $10,439.38 more than the allocation! It was not a time for words and the simple statement of the Treasurer: "I move the adoption of this report with sincere gratitude for the privilege," touched a responsive chord, and in the silent sanctuary of each heart we raised our Ebenezer.

A CABLE has been received from the Deputation in India urging the erection of a bungalow at Jobat where Dr. and Mrs. Maitland are stationed. If their work is going to count a nurse is an absolute necessity. Miss McConnell felt that very decidedly when she was there recuperating from malaria. She is most anxious to start work at this point on her return from the language school at Landour, but there is no place for her to live. We are very glad, however, to be able to say that part of the money in excess of the allocation will be used to build a bungalow for our W.M.S. workers, and the Council Executive has cabled the Deputation to that effect.

LETTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED from Miss MacMurchy telling of her safe arrival at Bombay, on December 12th, and of her thousand mile trip across India in order to meet the other members of the Commission at Calcutta on the 15th. Unfortunately, transportation difficulties delayed the arrival of the other delegates until the 30th, and the original plan of spending Christmas at Amkhut had to be abandoned. This was a great disappointment to the members of the Delegation and the people at the Mission. However, this extension of time enabled Miss MacMurchy to see something of the Church of Scotland and United Free Church Mission in Calcutta, and also Miss White, the daughter of Mrs. W. J. White, of Vancouver, Corresponding Secretary for British Columbia Provincial Society, and other Canadians who are engaged in missionary and Y.W.C.A. work there. Speaking of the country Miss MacMurchy says, "India is marvellous and bewildering. If only the people were as fervent for Christ as they are for their own gods, it would be the most powerful land in the world for Christianity."

MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE of Alberta Provincial Board visited Vegreville recently. They are delighted with the changed appearance the repairs have made both in the nurses' home and hospital, and also with the work being carried on there. During the two hours they were there, six cases came in, two maternity, one appendicitis, one tonsilitis, and two minor cases. The nurses were very busy but under Miss McPherson's supervision they seem to be both contented and happy.

A MARVELLOUS RECORD of giving has been reported to us by Mrs. Moore of the Mistawasis Indian reserve. The W.M.S. which is composed of Indian women, sent $25 to the Presbyterial; $50 to the Building Fund of their own Church; $20 to buy an organ, and $30 they saved to start their own work. The Mission Band meets every Wednesday and these little Indian children have raised $30. since they were organized.

OUR NEW MISSIONARIES have been sending home very interesting accounts of their experiences. In Miss Williamson's last letter she says: "We are having a week of prayer. Last night the meeting was in the Church. To-night it was in a Bhil home. The furniture is scarce but their houses are clean. The cattle are in one end and a hen and her brood made quite a commotion finding a place to settle down for the night with so many extra people in the house. These little noises never disturb people here and the meeting was a wonderful one. One man was baptized. About twenty adults and children have been baptized since we came here in October."

SO FAR AS WE CAN LEARN, the Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer, January 6th, was very generally observed. The programme prepared by Mrs. W. M. Kannawin was followed with profit. The two inspirational addresses or papers on "The Romance of our Overseas Fields," and "Spreading His Kingdom in the Home Land" brought very near to the members, the beloved missionaries and their fields of work for which they were interceding.

AT A MISSION BAND MEETING of which we heard lately, a little girl was called on for the opening prayer, and without any preparation, she responded. Not only was it a prayer of thanksgiving but, in her childish way, she prayed for our missionaries at home and overseas and asked for those things that were in her heart. At its close the leader said: "I want all the members to pray as ——— did, right from the heart for these are the prayers that are effectual." ..."The prayer of that little girl" said the visitor "was one of the finest things I have heard."

Notice of Motion.—The Council Executive gives notice of certain corrections and slight additions that will be necessary to the Constitution and By-laws, the detail of which will be laid before the Council meeting.

AS THE SUPPLY of "Heroes of Our Home Lands" is exhausted and orders are still coming in, would those who have copies not in use and wish to dispose of them, kindly let us know.

ANY MEMBER wishing a copy of the Annual Report for 1926 may have it on application to the Head Office.

Our Financial Returns

IT is with hearts full of thanksgiving that we once more present to you a splendid financial report.

As you know we asked for $170,000.00 to carry our work for 1927. This was $20,000.00 more than the estimates for 1926. But every Province accepted their increased responsibility cheerfully, each one expressing its determination through prayer and hard work to reach its allocation.

You will see by our statement how wonderful the result has been, for not only have you raised the extra $20,000.00 but added $10,000.00 to it—our total givings for 1927 being $180,439.38.

We were able last spring to pay out of the balance we had been accumulating for this purpose $83,277.10 to the United Church, this being the amount expended since June 10th, 1925, on the fields assigned to us by the Commission. It was after making this large payment that we realized the wisdom of our Council in establishing a Sustaining Fund for, to carry on our work at that time we had to borrow $20,000.00 from it. If we had not had such a reserve fund we would have had to borrow from the bank and that we hope always to provide against.

The reason we were short in the spring and summer, was because, as I have said before, so little of our money is received during the first half of the year, not nearly enough to meet our expenditure. We have not yet been able to repay that $20,000.00 or, since last May, to put the ten per cent. of receipts each month into the Sustaining Fund. We hope, however, to begin doing so at once, and we feel confident that you will all help by giving regularly so that the necessary amount will come in each month and not have large amounts wait till the end of the year.

Once more our Presbyterian women have shown themselves equal to the great task set them, and by splendid self-sacrifice and loyalty to our W.M.S., our Church and our God, have accomplished that which they set out to do.

RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, TO DECEMBER 31, 1927

PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:		
Alberta	$ 4,028.74	
*British Columbia	4,450.00	
Manitoba	5,476.57	
Ontario	138,904.88	
Quebec	18,000.00	
Saskatchewan	3,900.00	$174,760.19
Individual Subscriptions	3,067.75	
Legacies	800.00	
Interest received	1,491.44	
Rent of Property at Vegreville	320.00	5,679.19
		$180,439.38

* British Columbia has subsequently remitted $1,589.53, making a total of $6,039.53.

(MRS. R. C.) S. B. DONALD,
Treasurer.

Glimpses of Work in the Orient

AS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BY DR. CAROLINE MACDONALD AND MRS. STRACHAN

A FEAST of good things was provided for the Council Executive at the first meeting in the New Year. The speakers were Mrs. D. Strachan, one of the W.M.S. members of the Assembly's Commission, who had just returned from visiting our overseas work in China and Japan, and Dr. Caroline Macdonald, of Japan, who was in Canada on a fleeting visit to her mother who is eighty-six years of age.

Dr. Macdonald was the bearer of the thanks of her Board of Trustees to the W.M.S. for the financial aid given to her work in Tokyo. It will be remembered that in June, 1925, Dr. Macdonald appealed to the W.M.S. for help for a school for factory girls which had just been started, and was recognized by the Government as a properly qualified school. Since then it has grown enormously and now has branches in six different parts of the city, Tokyo with two and a half million inhabitants being too large for girls to go to one central point.

Dr. Macdonald went on to say that every year a meeting of students and ex-students is held, and certificates for the year's work are presented. A very great occasion is made of this event and important people are invited to speak, as they wish the factory girls to realize the importance of education. The certificates given to the girls are recognized by the Government. Government recognition means a very great deal in Japan.

When Miss Macdonald left Japan there were between 60 and 70

girls enrolled in the regular course. But apart from that there are other classes—a cooking class of 15 girls, where they learn to prepare simple things in a nice way, with but little cost; knitting class of 40; machine sewing class of 20; and 50 in a class studying English. About 150 girls come to the various classes each week. On Thursdays and Sundays religious meetings are held at the Settlement.

Besides this industrial work with both regular school and casual classes, there are branches in different parts of the city. More than half the working people in Japan are women and the men feel a responsibility for their education.

An interesting series of classes is held in a large room in one of the Government clothing factories. The girls are taught just what they want to learn. Some wish to learn flower arrangement, some cooking, some French embroidery and some wish to be given lectures in ethics. For six months these courses were run three days a week. A doctor occasionally gives lectures to the girls on first aid and simple ways to take care of themselves. Certificates are presented at the end of six months. This is a grand occasion, the factory men being more excited than the women. The interest of the working man in his working sister is amazing. One hundred and fifty-six certificates were given, which meant that during the six months, 156 girls had attended more than half of the lectures. The Company loaned the great dining-room in which the working people have their meals. This room holds over 1,000 people and was more than full. The Chairman of the Trustee Board presented the certificates. The Private Secretary of the Minister of Justice was present, and also the wife of one of the great financiers.

There is another branch at a cotton spinning factory. Great problems in industry are found in cotton spinning factories. Here girls work eleven hours a day, working day shift one week and night the next. There has been no night work in England for the last eighty-four years. In Japan, cotton factories still have day and night shifts, but a measure has been passed by the Government against night work. The girls in this place, although they worked eleven hours a day, wished to learn to knit, not to make money for themselves, but for their mother, father, or small sisters. The men wanted the women to be taught common sense, that mystical something which men possess and women do not have. The first lesson started with some 200 girls sitting on the floor in a small room, all armed with knitting needles and two ounces of wool. The lesson was to have been from seven till nine, but when nine o'clock came they were not at all anxious to leave. The girls explained that the next week they would be working on night shifts and would not be able to come, and felt that they would not soon learn if they only had a lesson

every two weeks. In order to have a weekly lesson they asked if they might come in the morning, which meant that after they stopped work at five o'clock they must get tidied and be at the Settlement by seven o'clock. This was arranged and all winter there was a class once a week in the morning from seven until nine o'clock. Miss Macdonald said that the question, "What do you consider the secret of Japanese greatness?" is answered by the action of these little girls.

The gift from the W.M.S. covers practically all the expenses of the school and its branches, although as branches grow expenses will increase.

Miss Macdonald spoke briefly of the Presbyterian Church in Japan to which she belongs and in which she has the honor of being an elder, and brought greetings from this Church to the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

At the luncheon meeting which followed, Miss Macdonald described her prison work and, by means of a number of telling illustrations proved the truth of the statements that she is not a prison reformer but a prisoner reformer, and that when you reform prisoners you reform prisons.

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Mrs. Strachan prefaced her message with the observation that she was not one of those who, having visited the Orient for a few weeks, comes back to tell of the failure of Christian missions, and that the missionary has no place in the development of the lives of the countries of the East. She has come back more than ever convinced that it is alone through the gospel of Jesus Christ that all the problems of the Eastern countries are to be settled, and to tell us that Christian missions have not been a failure, even in China, where there is so much turmoil and uncertainty.

Proceeding Mrs. Strachan drew from a rich storehouse three pictures. The first, a service at the Japanese Presbyterian Church in Tokyo to which she felt drawn very close because they had recently come through a struggle similar to the one through which we ourselves have passed. The reverent tone of that gathering, the familiar music—even though the words were strange—was tremendously impressive. As Mrs. Strachan listened to the sermon, saw everyone taking notes, and looked into the faces of these Eastern people, the question that arose in her heart was, "What is the matter with us? Have we become gospel sated and gospel hardened?" Referring to the work of Miss Caroline Macdonald, Mrs. Strachan quoted the words of the chairman of the Settlement Board, who said that Miss Macdonald was an ambassador of goodwill from Canada to Japan, and the message she had brought had done much to bring about a better understanding between these countries.

The second picture had for its setting Pyeng Yang, the very stronghold of Presbyterianism in Korea. Here Mrs. Strachan attended a meeting for the deepening of the spiritual life of the Presbyterian Church of that city. From that same church thirty churches had sprung. The church seats 1,700 people and some 1,400 were present. Their attention and singing was quite marvellous and the impression of that gathering of men and women all in white will not soon pass. From Miss Best's Bible School and Bible Institute we have already drawn two Bible women to work among the Koreans in Japan.

The last picture was that of the annual meeting of the W.M.S. of Formosa (the northern Church) a full account of which appeared in the February issue. This gathering Mrs. Strachan felt was an answer to any who ask for the visible results of Christian missions. With tributes to each one of the Formosa missionaries and to the two members of our staff who are doing such a wonderful piece of work in Manchuria this memorable session closed.

At the luncheon which followed there were special messages for our delegates from the Universities of McGill, Dalhousie, British Columbia and Toronto, who had attended the Student Conference in Detroit. Each replied briefly, the message of one being the burden of all: "We are going back with souls afire, feeling that Christ is adequate to the world's need."—M.C.G.F.

What is Being Done in Vegreville

MR. J. W. HALL

THE Homes were opened in September with the new staff who at once started to revive the Presbyterian services which had been dormant so long in Vegreville.

The Sunday School was started on September 11th with about thirty of the younger children, our day school teacher, Miss McRae, Martha Mackovichuk and Pearl Myroniuk, two of our elder girls, as teachers. I organized the senior boys into a Bible class and the work has progressed; one of our new boys, Steve Durda, felt the urge and asked to teach and he took the elder boys, so now we have four classes as well as the Bible class. We at once started the memory courses in the Sunday School, and thirty of the first certificates and nine of the second have been presented to the winners.

On October 17th, we started the "David Livingstone" Mission Band with forty-six members. The meetings are conducted by the boys and girls, who preside and carry the meeting through. The habit of giving is urged on the children so much that in the three meetings that we have had

the collections have reached $9.00. The children look forward to the third Sunday which is their night.

We have been very fortunate to have as our minister the Rev. A. Robertson. He conducted the first Presbyterian service that has been held for years in this town. The attendance is encouraging, we have as many as seventy-five including our children, and some of the people we did not know are coming to our service.

Through the kindness of the Sunday School Board, I have been able to

Mr. G. W. Hall and the boys in the Boys' School Home, Vegreville, Alta.

purchase a lantern and on Friday evenings I give illustrated lectures that amuse as well as instruct. These lectures have been a great success from the start; we have been able to interest some of the children from the outside and some of them come to our Sunday School and the parents to our service. Before Mr. Robertson came we used the lantern for a picture service on Sunday evening. These services became so popular that we could not seat all that came.

Our school record is good, this half term, out of fifteen in the high school, only three failed to get pass marks, and one of these boys had only two months at school, another was sick and unable to take the examinations. Our seven pupils in the public school all got pass marks. In grade nine we have six pupils and five of them were in the first ten. The "Celia Brower" prizes were won in the high school by Martha Mackovichuk, and in the public school by Helen Moshuk. Martha won this prize in the

public school last year. We are looking forward to her future with prayer and the hope that she will become a worker in the Master's vineyard.

When Mrs. Hall and I took charge, we were appalled at the things that were required, but the ladies of the different Presbyterials rose nobly to the

Miss McKee and the pupils in the Girls' School Home, Vegreville, Alta.

call and all our wants were supplied. Our prayers have risen to the Master each day in heartfelt gratitude for all who have helped our children and us in this work.

We face the duties of this new year with hearts filled with hope and trust in the One that never faileth. Our motto for 1928 is, 2 Cor. 5:7. *We walk by faith, not by sight.*

The Twentieth Anniversary of Tamsui Girls' School

Miss Janie M. Kinney

THE Women's Missionary Society work in Formosa has reached the stage of anniversary celebrations. Twenty-two years ago the first two workers arrived in Formosa but work was really begun twenty years ago when the Girls' School was organized. The exact date was October 1st, but the anniversary celebration was held on October 13th and 14th. Preparations by the ex-girls, present students, and teachers had been going on during the year, but with the beginning of the autumn term, in September, work was speeded up in preparation of a school exhibit, and a concert programme, while the graduate girls busied themselves in raising a fund in aid of

school equipment. All three features were encouragingly successful. The exhibit was praised by many, the concert consisting of instrumental and vocal numbers, scenes from Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird" in Japanese, and a play entitled "Peace and War" in Formosan seemed to be enjoyed by all, and the fund overran its objective of $1,000.

The formal celebration ceremony was held on the morning of the 13th. Government representatives from county and town were in attendance, and presented greetings which were followed by those from Presbytery, alumnae, Middle School and friends. Many sent gifts, and others unable to attend sent greetings by letter and telegram.

One pleasing feature of the celebrations was the presence of the first Japanese teacher in the school. After three years' service she had returned to Japan, but had always remembered the happy associations in Tamsui Girls' School. When invited to the anniversary she readily accepted, and came the five days' journey to be present.

During the twenty years of its existence the school has tried to adapt itself to the opportunity. At first, with very little primary educational facilities in the island, the curriculum was simple, with Formosan language the medium of instruction. It became gradually more difficult until with the completion of a new school building, in 1916, a regular High School course was begun while still continuing primary work. But with the increase in Government primary work and less need to send children away to Boarding School the Primary Department has gradually decreased, so during the past two years only High School work has been carried on, Japanese being the language of instruction.

In her address the Principal made reference to the four-fold objective of the school, mental development, physical efficiency, spiritual health and social outlook, and told how far the school was attaining each and living out its motto "Love and Service". Some idea of this may be formed from the fact that about half of the mistresses of the manses in North Formosa are former students of the school, while many former students are now active Christian workers.

We kneel how weak, we rise how full of power.
Why therefore should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others—that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?

—R. C. Trench

Gonor, All People's Mission

MRS. MACKENZIE

"YOUR representative having passed her sixty-sixth milestone on the way Home and her fifty-first in unbroken service for Christ among the young people, might well appropriate the words of the aged Simeon and say "Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." But while the eye remains undimmed and the natural strength unabated, one does not desire either rest from labor nor exaltation to higher service.

The success of the present venture, begun in faith and of late so generously supported by the prayers and funds of the W.M.S., has been so evident that other schools could be more readily established given the necessary equipment, and believe me, the need of the presentation of vital living religion is not more needed in India or China or Africa, than just along the main highway by the banks of the Red River. Some years ago, I suggested the placing of a gospel van on this route. That plan has been tried in Saskatchewan by the Board of Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, with wonderful success, and I notice that there is some intention of duplicating the experiment in Manitoba. This would open the way for trained workers and, in this day of rapid transit, one could superintend several schools on the Sunday and visit the homes on the days between.

The station I opened at Ashfield is well established. From May to October I kept a teaching service there at 2 p.m. On the Sundays that Mr. Sankey gave a Ukrainian service at the hall at 7 p.m. I secured a preacher from the city, an evangelical layman, to hold a service for the old and young at Ashfield at the same hour (7 p.m.) and it worked well. Since the cold weather set in, with the approval of the school trustees, I go to Ashfield every Friday and I am given the last hour of the school session and get not some twenty, which was the average attendance at Sunday School, but the whole school of sixty-five. I have been out once giving an illustrated talk on the Pilgrim's Progress to a crowded house. I mean to go several times when we have moonlight and open roads. So far, the absence of heavy snow has enabled me to fill every appointment. When I go to Ashfield I bring helpers from our Mission, as many as the car can convey. The population at Ashfield is a mixed one, one-half or more being new Canadians. We get no collection there on week days, but our first school is now able to supply all needed helps for this later one. At the first Mission (Gonor) there have been sixty-nine regular scholars with an average attendance of thirty-nine. Five of our older girls and boys have gone out to earn a living, most of them

to the city. I am thankful that they are all making good, most of them have joined the First Presbyterian Church Sunday School and Mission Band. We miss them, but rejoice in the good report that comes of them. Two, Helen Rapko and Olga Kordiak, pursue grade XI studies at East Selkirk. The principal there says there are none more satisfactory in their class. My hope for both is that the way may be opened so that they may take the deaconess training and spend and be spent for their own people.

For the winter months we have three sessions in our hall—Sunday School at eleven (two classes), Bible class at 2 p.m., and a preaching service for old and young at 7 p.m. This sometimes takes the form of a picture sermon which always draws a crowded house. Last Sunday we had the illustrated sermon "The Silly Sheep". It is one of the best ever thrown on the screen, in its range of Scripture truth presented.

Five students from the senior class have pledged loyalty to the Lord during the year.

The Mission Band keeps up in strength. The two high school girls are President and Secretary for this year. They were voted into office by the other members. The W.M. Auxiliary, which is one year old, has made good. There are now ten regular members, with several occasional ones.

Instead of Santa Claus as our Christmas almoner we had an angel visitant, who told the old story of Bethlehem's babe afresh, and later distributed the gifts. There were about one hundred present, and through the bounty of Mrs. J. H. Francis of Indian Head, Sask., all present received a goodly bag of eatables, this to the scholars was in addition to the Christmas gift named for each.

For all helpers and intercessors and for the good hand of our Lord and Master upon us throughout the years, we do give praise and thanks.

Praise in the Midst of Peril

ROSALIND GOFORTH

TRULY our hearts are full of praise to our God this Thanksgiving season. I do not think we have ever had so much to be thankful for. A year ago we were meeting disappointment after disappointment and in our ignorance and powerlessness to see even a day ahead we were tempted at times to discouragement. But thank God we have now come to see His gracious Hand has been leading us on to what we now feel is the "exceeding abundant above all we asked or thought."

We are praising God every day for the wonderful door of opportunity for reaching those who have never heard of Christ before. Had

we been able to pick out the very best site and building in Szepingkai for this work of intensive evangelism we could not have chosen a better site nor a more suitable building than the one we are now in. The main door of our preaching hall is a large "cut the corner" door, on the busiest corner of two cross streets. One street leads in from a vast country region to the north-west. The other is one of the main streets of Szepingkai with a very heavy traffic. From my seat at the organ in the preaching hall I have counted two hundred people pass in seven minutes. Szepingkai is a most strategic centre. Its growth is quite abnormal. This is due to the fact that a new line of rail has only been completed within the last year or two. Szepingkai is the junction of this railway on the main Manchurian line which connects with the Russian line running to Europe. The new line of railway is opening up an immense area hitherto unreachable but now increasing rapidly in population mainly by great numbers of refugees pouring in from Shantung and adjoining provinces to the south.

It seems to us that God in His wisdom has chosen us to enter this place and take advantage of this most unusual and to us undreamed of opportunity for reaching multitudes with the gospel, for we have never seen in Honan or anywhere else in China proper such openness to the gospel. We have been at this centre about half a year and during five months of that time we have kept the preaching hall open for from five to seven hours a day. Rarely are there less than fifteen listening at one time but usually thirty or more and sometimes the hall is quite full. All we have to attract is the organ and the singing of a gospel hymn. These simple gospel hymns are written in large Chinese characters on cotton cloth and hung before the audience. The walls of the hall are covered with handsome gospel texts for which we are indebted to the Stewart Evangelistic Fund.

We do not remember a day that men have not openly professed their belief in the truth proclaimed. During the preaching one worker stands outside the hall door and distributes tracts and invites passers by into the hall. To keep the preaching going without a break for so many hours means we must all take turns. It is in this work that Miss Graham is doing such invaluable service. Some time ago it became clear to us all that the rapidly increasing openings into homes must not be neglected. It was to this work that Miss Kok was appointed and though she has been in charge of this work only a few weeks there are over twenty homes where she is able to enter and teach the women. Some of the cases she has met with are most interesting but I must leave her to tell of this work herself.

Thus far I have only spoken of the work as we are attempting it

at this main centre of Szepingkai. But there is the vast region to the west and north-west reaching many hundreds of miles beyond. We have sowed the gospel seed now faithfully here for these six months and now our hearts turn toward the untouched regions beyond. Dr. Goforth's plan is to leave the work here in charge of Miss Graham and Miss Kok with several Chinese men and women helpers, and for him with Mr. Reoch and myself to go to a large important city called Taonan up the railway about two hundred and fifty miles. No missionary has ever resided there and we are told that only once has a missionary even passed through the place. A foreign woman has never been in that region. We want to spend several months there carrying on aggressive evangelism as we have here, and later have Mr. Reoch stay to carry on the work. I need scarcely tell you that if the Lord permits us to carry out this plan we shall be most thankful for the help by prayer from all you dear friends in the homeland. I am looking forward with keen hope to be able to accompany my husband on this pioneer evangel.

One reason why I have written at the head of this letter "Praise in the midst of peril" is that not only are we being spared the terrible experiences many of our friends are passing through to the south but during the past few weeks Dr. Goforth and myself have had cause for special thanksgiving for deliverances. When together at Tungliao holding special meetings a few weeks ago I had a very narrow escape from fire. The danger was over in a few moments but while it lasted it seemed nothing could save myself and the room I was in from destruction. A few days later we were in the midst of the region where the pneumonic plague had broken out. Railway men and officials were all going about with the plague masks on. When in one of the railway stations delayed several hours inspectors came in every few minutes examining every face for signs of sickness. We were therefore very thankful to be brought back to Szepingkai in safety. But a new deliverance was experienced on our way home. Our train was derailed by an iron bar breaking on the track. Although badly shaken we were not hurt.

"Out of the depths they cry,
That countless throng
Of those who know Thee not,
Yet for Thee long.
Unheeding can we turn away?
Is it from lips or heart we say,
'Thy Kingdom come'?"

Grim Tragedies of the North

Miss Olive Ross

OUR winter set in very early, and besides being extremely and bitterly cold seemed to be filled with tragedies. The north country seems to be interwoven with them, some of which we do not hear of for months and months afterwards.

"A tale of grim tragedy came out of the frozen north with the arrival of a letter in the police mail from Fort McMurray which described the terrible suffering and death of five year old Elsie Florette Graham the only child of Wilfred Graham, a widower, residing at Wood Camp, fifteen miles north of Fort McMurray, after the child had fallen into a pot of boiling dog food which had been set beside the kitchen stove to cool."

"Unfortunately Graham's dogs had broken loose that morning and had

Dog teams drawing freight and mail from Fort McMurray to points farther north

run to the woods. Undaunted, the father "mushed" the 15 miles to Fort McMurray to get a new dog-team with which to take his child to the hospital. Upon his return he learned that two of his dogs had been captured further up the river and, needing them for the long journey, he set out to bring them back. During the late afternoon a storm developed and Graham was forced to camp on the river bank for the night. Upon his return to the cabin in the morning, he found his child dead."

The little girl referred to above was a beautiful child just five years old, but as big as a girl of seven or eight. For three, long, bitter cold days I waited for the return of the poor father, keeping the fires on and the bed heated with hot water bottles.

When the father first consulted me after walking the fifteen miles, I could not even persuade him to sit down. He said he was so tired he was afraid he would not want to get up again, so eager he was to procure the dog team to bring the little girl to the hospital. This was on a Saturday. After his return with the body, I learned for the first time he did not

leave Fort McMurray again until Sunday morning. It seems the timber wolves were so bad, it was dangerous to travel with dogs by night. Had I known sooner he was here till Sunday I should have gone back with him and tried to help the poor little soul, who must have been in torture. However, that was not to be. When he returned on Tuesday evening, word was brought to me to assist him, and I had the painful duty of helping him line the coffin and lay the little body out. The remains were buried here.

A night or two before Christmas, we had another tragedy in our midst, but fortunately without fatality. The lady from whom I get the milk and who so kindly looked after my chickens last winter, was burned completely out, save for the few pieces of furniture, which willing hands were able to rescue. The fire occurred about eight p.m. and got a good start upstairs before help could be obtained, for the men folk are scarce at this time of the year, so many having gone down the river to trap. In this way the fire got a good hold and their efforts were directed in saving the stables and animals. I brought the family to the hospital for the night and assisted in providing apparel. The next day a kind lady offered a house free of rent, and I went down and helped the poor woman to get straightened out, took bedding from the hospital and made up beds and tried to make her as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

I have to report another sad event, the dogs demolished the enclosure for the hens and killed the poor chickens. I felt dreadfully and really did not have the heart to tell you. One must almost build a cast iron fence to keep these treacherous animals out.

Work Among the Koreans in Japan

LUTHER L. YOUNG

WE have had some very good meetings with the Koreans during the past two weeks. During Christmas week we held Christmas celebrations in a number of centers and made use of the occasion to preach to fine audiences of Koreans. It was very interesting to see three hundred or more Koreans gathered together in this land. During the past week, from Sunday to Thursday night, we held a Bible study class in one of the groups in Osaka. About seventy men and women met each day for study. We studied three hours in the morning and one in the afternoon. In the evening we held a public evangelistic service which was well attended.

From all these meetings we came away with the impression that there is a great opportunity here to do evangelistic work. It will be possible to get large meetings and a good work can be done through them, but the best work will be accomplished by taking the gospel from house to house. The people are away from their own land and appreciate very much when the worker calls on them and has worship with them in the home. They

are strangers in a strange land and because of that are very appreciative of any kindness shown them. They are here in great numbers and it will require a large staff of workers to reach them with the gospel. We are expecting the two Bible women from Korea soon.

The Persian People at North Battleford, Sask., with their missionary, Rev. E. O. Eshoo

In January, 1926, Rev. E. O. Eshoo was appointed missionary to the Persian colony in North Battleford, Sask., the W.M.S. being responsible for his salary. Mr. Eshoo is himself a Persian, a graduate of Knox College, and an officer in the British army.

The people to whom he ministered in North Battleford are nearly all war refugees and suffered bitterly during the Great War. There are some twenty-two names on the communicants' roll, but fifty or more attended the service which was held every Sabbath afternoon and a number met in the homes of the people for evening service. Twice a week classes were conducted for those who wished to read English or Persian, and these gatherings always opened with reading a few words from the Bible and closed the same way. Mr. Eshoo also had Bible reading (or exegesis) once a week for all who could read, men, women, and young people. He also encouraged them in practising singing in their own language and preparing hymns for the Sabbath service and was in every way a faithful pastor of his flock, visiting his people within a radius of twenty miles.

It is a matter of very deep regret to the Persian folk in North Battleford and to the W.M.S. that Mr. Eshoo has had to withdraw from active work for a time and seek health in California. The above picture shows the missionary (centre) and his flock.

OUR LETTER BOX

Chinese Children Make Merry

Vancouver, B.C.

"We had a successful Christmas entertainment. Our hall was crowded, there being three hundred or more Chinese and Canadian friends present. The programme consisted of Christmas songs, pantomimes, a Chinese fan-drill, dialogue, and a pageant in which the older girls and the young men took part. We were greatly indebted to Mrs. Smith for her help in training for both the drill and the pageant. After the programme, the Sunday School and cradle roll children, 118 in all, received a gift from the Christmas tree. Some of our Y.W. Auxiliaries and Mission Bands had dressed dolls and made aprons for the girls (our Presbyterial having granted us $15 to buy the material.)

Christmas day we had a special service in the Sunday School, with choruses by some of the children and the young men, and an address by Mr. Yeung, then twenty-four of the pupils received prizes for regular attendance during the year. We had hoped that a few would have received diplomas for memorizing the primary catechism and scripture selections, but were disappointed. However, perhaps some will be prepared by Easter.

The kindergarten attendance has continued satisfactory, there being nineteen on the roll with an average of fourteen.

Nine of our girls are still taking music lessons from Miss Dickman or myself, while two more advanced are taking from a qualified teacher. We are pleased also to have some of the women anxious to learn English. Two are receiving lessons in their homes, while two others expect to begin very soon." —*Gertrude Lawrence.*

Interesting Happenings in our Chinese Mission

Victoria, B.C.

"On Thursday evening, December 22nd, we had our closing exercises of kindergarten and afternoon classes. Mrs. Cotsford, Presbyterial President, and several of the Chinese mothers were present. Rev. Mr. Leung told the Christmas story. The little ones were made very happy with their gifts presented by the teachers. The next night, Friday, December 23rd, our annual Sunday School concert and Christmas tree was held in the Mission before a crowded audience. The children all did well in their choruses, recitations, drills, pantomimes, and plays. The ministers from the different Presbyterian churches of the city brought greetings and

the Moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. Clay, spoke briefly of his recent tour through the Dominion. Rev. D. A. Smith called David Lee to the platform and after explaining to the audience David's purpose in dedicating his life to his Master, and his intention of returning very soon to China to study in order to fit himself for a medical missionary, Mr. Smith publicly presented him with his first cheque from the class in Windsor, Ontario, which had agreed to support him during his course in China. David then spoke to his fellow-countrymen in their own tongue and, I trust, made a lasting impression. The gifts from the tree were distributed and refreshments served.

The annual Presbyterian Sunday School rally was held in St. Andrew's Church, on January 2nd. Seven schools were represented, the Chinese among the others. In answer to the roll call, our Chinese School repeated a part of Psalm 24, and sang, by request, one of their hymns in Chinese. David Lee was also present and, as he was sailing on *S. S. President of Cleveland* that afternoon, the service was closed by singing "God be with you till we meet again" and all friends had an opportunity of saying good-bye and wishing him God speed.

Our Chinese W.M.S. held its last meeting for the year on December 10th. Mrs. R. A. Brown gave an instructive Bible reading. All mite boxes were brought in and I felt encouraged to find that we had not gone behind but a little in advance of last year. Our offerings amounted to $39.30. Each member is making a bag for the use of Bible women in our overseas work. Mrs. McIntosh presided at the election of officers. I was unanimously elected President and the other offices were filled with very slight changes. I had a very nice letter from Miss Templeton of South Porcupine Hospital, who has just received the baby's outfit made by our Chinese women of Victoria W.M.S. Just now I am busy getting the "Cross and Crown" pins and bars ready for distribution at Sunday School. We give these as attendance recognition." —*Mrs. Macqueen.*

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"The kindergarten closing was held on the morning of December 22nd. The day was pleasant and we were so glad to have as visitors quite a large number of Chinese ladies, mothers and relatives of the children. All the seats were filled, and three mothers who had never before come to any of the mission gatherings, were present.

Mr. Leung told the Christmas story in Chinese, after which there were more songs and two action games. Then a grand march led up to the distribution of little gifts for each one and a small box of candy and fruit. After the closing prayer there were happy farewells.

Two kindergarten pupils began their public school careers this term, and two new pupils came to take their places. I have fifteen children able

to write a little, read from charts and do number work, and several others who copy letters of the alphabet; so the morning is a very busy time.

My music pupils number twenty-three. Lily Leung, one of the advanced pupils, plays the hymns at Sunday School and sometimes for the Church service.'' —*Gertrude Scott.*

Train Service in the North Land

Fort McMurray, Alta.

''There was a lull during the Christmas season, and I could not resist the temptation of taking a ''run'' out to Edmonton for New Year's. It so happened that the train service was the worst on record, and we were five days on the road. The delayed train on which I was unfortunate enough to be a passenger made one think of the hardships those responsible are called upon to endure. The engineer had his feet frozen and another man had his heels frozen, and two men sprained their backs trying to help with the dead engine which got stalled on a bridge. I am glad that I was able to help these poor men. The second engine was sent for and that was stalled and a third had to be sent for to remove the two dead engines before the train could proceed on its journey. We were stationary for two days and could not get out as the snow was too deep.

All this winter the mails have been very erratic, being sometimes ten hours late, sometimes over twenty hours late. The train in the usual course leaves here every Thursday at ten thirty a.m. and arrives in Edmonton at two thirty-five Friday.'' —*Miss Olive Ross.*

Work of Our Deaconess at Murrayville, B.C.

''I have carried on the Sunday School which I began at County Line in February, 1926. It is only a small place with a two-roomed public school. There were no religious services of any kind and I heard there was need of a Sunday School so I gladly undertook the work, and the results have been gratifying. The average attendance for the girls has been thirty. We meet in the community hall. My one helper took charge of the little children, the remainder, ranging in age from seven to fifty, comprised my class. But now a very capable Christian woman has offered her help and I am deeply thankful. To me it is beautiful to discover God's own dear children in every little place. There are times when we Christian workers feel with Elijah, ''I, even I only am left,'' and then the Lord shows us there are many others.

This person undertook to train the children in a Christmas cantata entitled, ''The Beautiful City.'' It was a great success. The whole spirit of the service was beautiful and decidedly inspiring. There were 58 people

present. The children had a tree and a treat on December 28th, the Women's Institute of the community providing practically everything.

Besides the Sunday School which meets at 3.30 p.m., I have a class of boys from 10 to 16 years in Murrayville Sunday School at 10 a.m. I find it in my heart to wish a good man would take charge of them. Other work at Murrayville consists of a Christian Endeavor, Mission Band and Women's Auxiliary.

The Christian Endeavor is composed of six girls from 13 to 17 years, and meets every week. It is really more of a Bible study class, but we have very happy and profitable times together. All of the girls are going through the prescribed memory course.

The Mission Band has closed a successful year. There has been an able leader in charge of the work meetings. I took the study meetings. We have 23 members, an average attendance of 15, and sent away $15.50, and a quilt.

Our Women's Auxiliary has 16 members with an average attendance of 10. We have raised $70. Spiritual results cannot be tabulated, but my prayer for the women is that they may have the real missionary spirit."

—*Mrs. E. A. Wright*

A REQUEST AND A RESPONSE

"The January *Tidings* carried an appeal from Rev. Frank Kovacks for support for the Hungarian Publication. I was very much interested in the Hungarians I met at Windsor, and at our Presbyterial advised our Auxiliaries and Groups to subscribe for their publication, thereby expressing to the Hungarians our interest and sympathy. I promised our ladies I would ask the *Glad Tidings* for it."

The magazine is entitled *The Figyelo* and may be obtained from Rev. Frank Kovacks, 117 Markland Street, Hamilton, Ontario. The subscription price is $1.00 per year.

When Thou Prayest

REMEMBER:

Our Boards—Administration, Sunday School, Y.P.S. and Colleges, Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and Summer Schools — and pray that they may be given wisdom in choosing leaders; that all who teach may daily learn from the Great Teacher; that teaching may be ever true to the Word of God; that those capable of leadership may be led to offer themselves for service.

Prayer

"LOVING FATHER of all mankind, Who didst send Thine only Son into the world to show us the way of salvation, and to tell us that it was to be shared with all people, strengthen our hands and purify our hearts that we may be worthy to do our part in the great work of spreading the gospel. Bless and consecrate us and all those whom we have been permitted to send to tell the story, both in our own land, and countries across the sea, especially those known and dear to us who have newly embarked on the Great Adventure. Grant to the faithful ones who have glorified Thee in a lifetime of love and service the help and encouragement of knowing that when they must rest, Thou wilt appoint worthy successors to continue their work. Stimulate every kind of Christian missionary endeavor the world over. Dispel the clouds of doubt and fearfulness that darken our vision, and hamper our efforts. Grant us a glimpse of a radiant future when Thy glory shall have illuminated every corner of the earth, and there shall be none that have not seen the Light. May the cross of Christ ever be our inspiration, and the certainty of His resurrection the chief source of consolation to any who have been called upon to part from those they love. We offer these our prayers asking forgiveness of our sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for March

STUDY BOOK "THE ROYAL ROAD," CHAPTER I

National Anthems—639 or 640. *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings,* page 103). *Scripture*—Deut. 8:6-20. *Minutes. Business. Offering. Solo. Study Topic*—"The Royal Road," Chapter I. *Hymn*—"Lord While for All Mankind We Pray." *Prayer. Other hymns*—648. 649. 73. 74.

Notes: This chapter can be made intensely interesting. Assign topics to a number of people. Let the information be concise. One person, for instance, might mention our debt to the explorers and early settlers.

(See "His Dominion," Chapter 2). Have another (a) tell what is meant by the term French Period and name the dates of its duration; (b) Explain the name, British Period and give the original meaning of the word, Canada, and tell what it included (page 2). Let a third give a map talk on Canada, showing the French, British and present day territory. Mark on the map the location of our national wealth in agriculture, forest products, minerals, fisheries, fur trade and manufactures. Have the Treasurer compare the standards of living to-day with those of sixty years ago (page 10) and indicate Canada's contribution to World Peace. For the closing topic describe the part played by the Church in the past sixty years (See July-August *Glad Tidings*, 1927, p. 237 and "Canada from Sea to Sea") if you are fortunate enough to possess a copy of the latter.

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

A LEADER of a group said not long ago, "I don't know how to interest my girls in missions. It's too dry for them." By chance, a few days afterward, she went to the Student Volunteer Convention in Detroit, and came back alive to the need for missionary education for girls, and with a determination to have her girls dramatize "The Colour Line." In order to do this, of course, they will have to know something about China, Chinese customs, dress, and everything. Did the girls want to find out these things? Why, of course those girls "caught fire" and one volunteered to go right to the library and find a book on Chinese life. The leader now says, "I am thrilled. Mary gave a splendid talk on life in old China, and the other girls are equally interested. So we are off to a good start."

I wonder why? Trust the girls to become enthusiastic—if you are.

With the approaching Easter-time may the Cross uplifted before our eyes help us to realize more fully the love that passeth understanding, and urge us to give ourselves to a study of the needs of the times.

Girls to-day are waiting to be challenged to do big things for their Christ. The story of "Mary Slessor"—a factory girl with a world vision (p. 99—"Heroes of Our Home Lands") appeals to all girlhood, for courage, determination, bravery, self sacrifice and love breathe from every word, and incites them to be their biggest best selves—"to overcome."

After the story has been told, discuss her life. Point out that a hospital visitor in Toronto under the appointment of the Presbyterian W.M.S. worked with Miss Slessor in Africa. Encourage the girls to

read "The White Queen of Okyong" and the "Life of David Livingstone." Discuss our attitude toward the blacks. If a factory girl could do so much, what may we not be able to do?

Twenty-six Conferences for Canadian Girls in Training have been held in Ontario, a comparative number in the Maritimes, and three in Quebec, this winter. In the Maritimes the theme has been "Follow the Gleam," and in Ontario and Quebec,

"To be alive in such an age
To live to it, to give to it."

And girls have returned to their homes and their groups inspired to:

"Link they hope with human-kind;
Breathe the world-thought, do the world deed,
Think hugely of thy brother's need
And what thy woe, and what thy weal,
Look to the *work* the times reveal!
Give thanks with all thy flaming heart,
Crave but to have in it a part,
Give thanks and clasp thy heritage—
To be *alive* in such an age!"

—*Angela Morgan, "Today"*

Think of the factory girls in Japan who come three nights a week to night school under Dr. Caroline Macdonald (read her report in this issue, also "The Royal Road," Chapter XIV, "The Sunrise Way.")

Suggest that the group start a "World Book" and in it keep pictures, news items, bits of biography, poetry, etc., of outstanding people from various countries that they read about, or who visit Canada.

One leader reports: "each girl in my group was given twenty-five cents to increase it during the summer months, and the average increase amounted to seventy-five cents. When the question arose as to what contribution should be made to the bale, it was decided to look after the gifts. Each girl was given seventy-five cents, and the list of articles suggested was divided among them and because the money was really their earnings, the girls took such an interest in buying economically."

The following teen-age organizations have affiliated with the W.M.S.: Toronto—Beaches "Wohelo" Class; Wallaceburg—"Highway Travellers."

At the Christmas Tree, December 23rd, the Boys' Violin Orchestra of the Ruthenian Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, provided music, and the C.G.I.T. the rest of the programme. The congregation provided refreshments and gifts for Santa Claus.

St. Andrew's, Wetaskiwin C.G.I.T. leader, Miss Mitchell, sent a large box of mitts, scarfs, books, toys, etc., to the Vegreville School Homes before Christmas.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's congregation Edmonton, the Y.P.S. reported 30 members, and the C.G.I.T. 24.

Over one hundred members of the C.G.I.T. gathered at the supper meeting in Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, in honor of Miss Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary. Nine Churches were represented. The girls of Kitsilano Presbyterian Church won the attendance prize with 100 per cent. present. After supper Miss Sinclair gave a most inspiring address to the girls, the mothers and W.M.S. members.

The Two Foot Club

MISS MARION ROBERTSON

"THE Two Foot Club" of Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, took its name from an editorial in the *Sunday School Times* of October 8th, 1927, entitled "The Two Foot Sermon." This is based on the third and fourth chapters of Acts where Peter, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, heals the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple. It is recorded that the man was immediately healed, and entered the Temple "walking and leaping." The editorial remarks—"not walking and limping, but walking and leaping! Limping would have spoiled it all; but leaping added greatly to the effectiveness of his walk."

The Two Foot Club members want to do two foot service without limping; to be dependable and faithful through "Him who is able to keep us from falling;" and to live our motto, "Walk in the Light."

The Constitution of the Two Foot Club of Knox-Crescent Church.

1. The aim of the Club is to do work in and for the church: this includes handwork for W.M.S. and help in any of the junior departments of the church.

2. Meetings shall be held twice a month, on the first and third Wednesdays, from 4.45 to 6 p.m.

3. There shall be six officers, *viz.*: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Supply Secretary, Leader, all except the Leader to be elected annually. The Leader is to be the advisor and hold the right of casting a vote.

4. The Club dues shall be 10c. a month, payable to the Treasurer on the first Wednesday of the month, to be used only for supplies or missionary collection.

5. Members must be over 12 years of age and under 17, and in attendance at Knox-Crescent Church or Sunday School.

6. New members must be sponsored by a regular club member, and shall be read the Order of the Two Foot and the Constitution on joining.

(a) They may attend one meeting and hear the Constitution without obligation.

(b) To join, they must attend the next meeting, answer the following questions, and make the promise.

(1) By whom are you sponsored?

(2) Do you wish to be a member of the Two Foot Club?

(3) Will you promise to obey the officers and do your part of the work?

7. Should the attendance of the members at two consecutive meetings be less than one-third of the first two meetings (except in case of sickness) the Club will dissolve on the following month unless there is an increased attendance.

8. The meetings shall be opened with a prayer by the President, the Lord's prayer by all, and a Scripture reading. Devotional opening and business not to exceed 15 minutes, followed by one hour's work.

9. The meeting shall disperse with the Club motto "Walk in the Light" by all standing.

10. The club colors shall be royal blue and white.

MISSION BANDS

Thoma Harliya

MISS BERTHA ROBSON

IT was the autumn of 1918. In the early fall, a scourge of measles had carried off three of our babies, and fear had only begun to subside when ominous reports of the terrible "flu" began to reach us. Far off from the city's throngs, surely our Bhils, our hardy, free, active little jungle people, would be passed by! But no. On it came, from city to city, from village to village, from hut to hut! Into every home it entered, that diabolical, devastating blast. Old or young, weak or strong, none could stand before it. From every house death took its toll nor ceased to slay sometimes until the whole household lay silent and cold.

Into the Christian community it came. The Bhils' one weapon of defence had long been flight—would they flee now? Whither could they flee? Fifteen miles away a Christian family, living alone among Hindus, was stricken down! Would anyone take medicine to them? Who said the Bhils were timid? "Yes, we know the way," and straightway two young men set out. But they were too late! They buried the father and brought back the mother and three sick children. In less than a week one of the brave men gave up his life too. Such suffering, such patience, such helplessness, such heroism, but oh, such devastation and wailing!

The doctor went from house to house with unresting love but breaking heart, for big and little alike were his children and he was powerless to stay the ravages of this terrible thing. There was no hospital, little medicine, no nurse, no beds, no bedding, no food, and so little fuel, for the Bhil gathers his wood from day to day, and it was the cold season!

The old elder and his wife and six children lay at death's door. The oldest son, tossing in delirium, threw himself off the bed into the fire, and the father in despair found that he had no longer strength to lift him. But help was at hand. A tall brave nephew came, picked up the lad, and took him to his own home. That precious life was spared, but his own family was smitten. Another nephew took the cattle to graze and brought wood and some food and soon his family all lay helpless. His brother died, then the babe and mother. Another brother, going outside after nightfall, did not come back. His wife crawled feebly outside the fence and found him dead. She and her baby soon followed. Only one brother and his little family left and all of them sick almost unto death. Gathering together what few things they had they hitched the bullocks to the cart and hopelessly let them take the familiar path to the mission compound.

The Church had been turned into a children's hospital—little five year old Rebecca was brought in unconscious—"páni, páni," (water, water) followed by "No, no," when water was put to her lips—was her constant cry until God took her home. Father and mother were put into one corner of the boys' hostel, and baby Thoma, scarcely three, was given to a schoolgirl to be cared for. The poor mother, thinking only of her little one, and fearing that he might not get proper attention, slipped out of her place when no one was watching—the doctor found her lying on the ground half way up the little hill to the Church, whither she was going to beg me to take her baby into my own hands, that at least one of them might be spared.

Little Thoma was brought over. The girl Gendi, who was only beginning to recover, was crying because she could do nothing. He

would drink no milk, cried night and day, and the strength of both was all but gone. We laid him on the blanket on the floor beside his dying sister, with no hope of his recovery, but some strange instinct moved them both. Rebecca, in her delirium, put her arm over the crying babe—Thoma reached out his hot wasted hands and felt her face—contented he fell asleep, nor heeded the pitiful wail "páni, páni," which could not be satisfied.

I went to tell the anxious parents that their baby was sleeping. There they sat on the gound beside the fire, conscious but gasping for breath and unable to speak. The doctor came in with medicine. The man, oh, so feebly but so tenderly placed a comforting hand on his wife's head and motioned to the doctor to give his attention to her that, if possible, she might have a chance to live. But it was not to be. Before the sun set they both had gone home and baby Thoma was left with only a big brother of eight to help take care of him.

The days passed into weeks before the fever left him and the shrunken body showed any sign of returning strength. Suddenly one evening as he lay on my knee, he opened his eyes, looked surprisedly at another little patient with a plate of rice before her, then reached out his hand towards it, "choka" (rice) he said in his weak little voice and began to cry feebly. I took a teaspoonful in a saucer, and one grain at a time he picked it up and ate it.

In a few weeks' time Thoma was walking and talking and calling out whenever I came near, "Miss Sahib-ji, dhana bhut lade," which made all the children laugh for his baby tongue was making the word for "hunger" the same as "evil spirit" and his cry was "a demon has gripped me" when he was only wanting to say "a great hunger has hold of me."

Thoma's mother was a very clean woman and Thoma was delightfully particular too (in his childish way.) He loved to get into the tub of warm water and then into a clean "nightie" before getting his supper. How he loved to be allowed to go to sleep in my big bed! One night sleep did not come to him—he wanted something but his baby Bhili I could not understand. A drink? No. A plaything? No. Brother Asha? No. Then what? At last, I picked him up and carried him where his finger pointed—my watch lay on the table—it must be wound and put under the pillow! Down went the little black head and he was asleep in a minute.

One night, about midnight, he awoke and began to sing softly to himself, but the tune wouldn't go right, so he gave me a gentle shake saying "Tu ga" (you sing). One verse of "Rakkho Prabhuki asha, manua" (Put Your Trust in the Lord) and he was satisfied.

But Thoma was not always good! More than once his childish temper broke out in screaming and stamping of little bare feet. The loneliness of standing in the corner with his face to the wall soon made him penitent and with tears still wet on his face he would turn about, stretch out his arms to be taken up and whisper "Thoma good now."

One habit Thoma had—a remnant no doubt of the days of early waking when his mother used to rise long before daybreak to grind the grain for the daily bread—was to waken me every morning, long before rising time, by asking for something to eat. After having it impressed upon him that food did not come until daylight he gradually gave up asking for it but one morning I awoke to see him sitting up in bed whispering to himself "I'm hungry, I'm hungry." I kept my eyes almost shut. Thoma lifted his hand, fat and chubby now, high over my head and with a very threatening gesture whispered "Main dem, main dem?" "Shall I slap, shall I slap?" then dropped the hand as softly as a falling leaf upon my cheek. It was morning!

A few months more and it was time for furlough. What could I do with the baby? His brother was not old enough and there was no one else! There was Khunji, our lame boy, the boy with the crooked legs but the saint-like face! Would he "mother" the little lad till I should return? "I'll try." He spoke so earnestly, so almost tearfully that I knew he would be faithful—and he was.

Thoma is getting to be a big boy now, happy as the day is long, quick at his lessons and obedient always. He is known as my "first baby," and takes great pride in the special clothes that come from Canada every Christmas with "Thoma" already written on them.

"Lord, spare useful lives," was the prayer we prayed so often in those terrible days. Thoma was spared in answer to prayer. Let us not cease to pray for him that as he grows up into manhood he may indeed realize that he has been "saved, to serve."

DATES TO REMEMBER

PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETINGS

Alberta—Grace Church, Calgary, April 4th and 5th.
British Columbia—Vancouver, May 28th and 29th.
Manitoba—First Church, Winnipeg, March 27th and 28th.
Ontario—Guelph, April 24th, 25th, and 26th.
Quebec—
Saskatchewan—Moose Jaw, March 29th and 30th.

Council Meeting

Central Church, Vancouver, B.C., May 30th-June 2nd.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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ALBERTA Provincial annual meeting will be held in Grace Church, Calgary, April 4th and 5th.

Miss McPherson, Superintendent of Vegreville Hospital, reports 374 patients (195 medical, 121 surgical, 58 obstetrical) and 9 deaths in 1927. A new well will be dug in the spring. Donations had been plentiful. Vegreville Hospital Aid from a "shower" had sent 130 jars of fruit and $173. The W.M.S. had repaired the furnace, and even in the severe weather the building had been kept warm with a smaller coal account than formerly. The W.M.S. also had made repairs costing $669.37 to the building. The Hospital Aid had put a new hot-air furnace in the Nurses' Home, a new floor in a bedroom, bought a new Chesterfield suite, rugs, blinds and curtains for the living roon, at a cost of $500 and four ladies from St. Paul's Presbyterial, Ingersoll, sent a donation of $100.

Calgary Presbyterial was held February 7th and 8th.

Grace Church Auxiliary, Calgary, raised $122 over its allocation, making $1,022 altogether, mostly by freewill offerings. Seven new Life Memberships have been received.

Dr. White reports:The High River congregation are looking for a church site, and hope to begin building in the spring. They also hope to organize W.M.S. and M.B. shortly, which will help greatly.

The Ladies' Sewing Club, of the Ruthenian Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, has met five times to make quilts for Vegreville School Homes. Mrs. Ostry the woman member of the board of managers, is President.

St. Andrew's W. M. Auxiliary, Edmonton, has gone over its allocation, which was double that of last year.

Mesdames Peattie, Sutherland, Fisher and Ross, who attended Red Deer Presbyterial reported it at the next meeting of Olds W. M. Auxiliary.

Bassano Y. W. Auxiliary donated $24 more to the general fund than the allocation of $30, (nearly double).

Edmonton Presbyterial reports Home Helpers as follows: Lloydminster 15, giving $55; St. Andrew's, Edmonton, 27, giving $24.59; First Church, Edmonton, 117, giving $250.17; Strathcona, 10, giving $3.50; Westmount, 19, giving $20.57.

Great enthusiasm was displayed at Red Deer Presbyterial, Innisfail, January 12th. Mrs. Peattie, Provincial Treasurer, reported the province

well over its allocation. Mission Band reports were encouraging, the young people measuring up well.

Red Deer is sorry to lose two members who have given great service in W.M.S. work, but Edmonton will reap the benefit, as Mrs. Scott and Miss McAllister are going there to live.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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A VERY interesting entertainment was that held at the Chinese Mission when over three hundred Canadian and Chinese friends met at the annual Christmas tree. A well prepared programme was rendered by the younger members of the Sunday School, while the older girls, dressed in Chinese costume, gave a fan drill and two sacred tableaux. The young men of the Mission presented a three-act Chinese play, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the Canadian visitors. A beautifully staged pageant consisting of seven tableaux, depicting the events surrounding the birth of Christ, completed the programme.

Mrs. Henry Pillar and Mrs. James Herd brought greetings from the W.M.S. and congratulated the workers on the enjoyable programme. Rev. K. H. Yeung, minister of the Church, and Rev. David Smith, Superintendent of Chinese missions, spoke briefly.

A meeting of the Provincial Board was held Friday afternoon, January 20th, with Mrs. Pillar, President, in the chair. The Treasurer's report was especially well received, as it showed the allocation to be over-subscribed. All the other departments of the work show a steady increase and prospects for the year seem bright.

The W.M.S. congratulates Miss Annie Robson on her appointment to represent the Presbyterian women students of the university at the tenth quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement of North America, held in Detroit, Michigan. Miss Robson is the daughter of the Provincial Treasurer. Canada sent about one hundred and fifty student delegates chosen from the different universities.

Victoria P.S.—The 14th annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, January 18th and 19th. An open meeting was held Wednesday night at which Rev. S. Lundie conducted the devotional exercises and Mrs. Cotsford, the Presbyterial President, gave the address of welcome. Greetings from the Provincial W.M.S. were brought by Mrs. Pillar, Provincial President, who also addressed the meeting, giving a résumé of re-organization work being carried out in foreign fields by the Presbyterian Church since 1925. Dr. Caroline Macdonald returned in February to resume her work, after a short furlough in Canada. With her

sailed Miss Cummings, who has been appointed a nurse to the "Mackay Memorial" Hospital in Formosa.

The departmental reports showed excellent work done during the year.

MANITOBA

Mrs. G. Leckie, 1457 Winnipeg Ave., Winnipeg, Press Secretary

CALVIN CHURCH W.M.S., Weston, have had a very successful year and have entered with enthusiasm into their work for 1928.

Stonewall W.M.S. had a very nice Thank-offering meeting and Mrs. McKenzie gave an earnest talk. The annual meeting passed off well, nearly all the officers were re-elected. They hope to begin the new study book soon. Bible study is always an important item in their programme, each member, in turn, preparing a reading for each month.

St. James' Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg, at their December meeting, presented a Life Membership to Mrs. H. Sinclair. The presentation was made by Mrs. A. Anderson.

Mrs. Andison, of First Presbyterian Church, addressed the members at their annual meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. Digby Wheeler.

At a well attended meeting in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, under the auspices of the Provincial W.M.S. Board, Dr. Ellen Douglas gave a delightful account of a journey around the world which she took in company with Dr. Jessie MacBean, who has spent so many years in China—one of the countries which made the deepest impression on the travellers. In India the things that impressed her most were the tact of the British administration and the beauty of the architecture. The travellers also saw something of the progress made by the Zionist movement in Palestine.

All People's Mission, Selkirk. The Mission Band and the Women's Auxiliary held a joint meeting. There were a few changes in the Band officers but not in the Auxiliary, which has not been organized very long. Favorable reports were received from both Societies. At the Christmas entertainment Rev. Mr. McIntosh delighted his hearers with a talk suited to the season. One of the girls read the Angel's message. Afterwards everybody was made happy by a gift from the Christmas tree also a box of candy. Mrs. McKenzie reported that the Sunday School was going ahead. She, herself, takes the bigger scholars while Miss Innis, her sister, teaches the little ones. May the seed they are sowing among the new Canadians result in a harvest of souls for the Master.

Mrs. McKenzie, who is interested in everybody in her neighborhood, heard of a sick girl lately, who was very disappointed because she could not attend when the lantern pictures were being shown , so Mrs. McKenzie carried the lantern to the sick girl and invited some neighbors. They fixed up a sheet and let the poor girl see the pictures, then they sang hymns to

try and brighten her. Each Sunday until it became too cold Mrs. McKenzie went for the girl and drove her to the Sunday School.

Many of the older ones are careless and do not go near a church but the new Canadian children will make good; many are witnessing for Christ in school and home. They wish all, through the *Glad Tidings,* a happy year 1928, and like Dickens' little Tim, they say "God bless you, every one."

ONTARIO

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THE fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Ontario Provincial Society will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on April 24th, 25th, and 26th. The convener of the billeting committee is Mrs. J. A. Gray, 63 Liverpool St., Guelph, Ont.

The Treasurer reports that the allocation of Ontario has been exceeded by a considerable amount.

Mrs. Arthur Talbot, 8 Biggar Ave., Toronto, has been appointed Lantern Slide Secretary. Kindly send requests for slides to her.

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—The nineteen Auxiliaries report a successful year. Nearly all have met and some have exceeded their allocations.

Chatham P.S.—The "Alexander Bartlet" Mission Circle (Y.W.A.) of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, conferred an Honorary Membership upon Mrs. J. W. Peddie, one of the charter members and Secretary of the first Missionary Society, organized in 1877. She is the daughter of Alexander Bartlet, after whom the Circle is named.

A deep spiritual feeling was manifest throughout the fourteenth annual meeting held at Chatham, January 11th and 12th. Encouraging reports were given by all Secretaries. Repesentatives from the Missionary Societies of the Baptist, Anglican and United Churches brought greetings. The President, Mrs. Charles Scott, thanked each branch for the cheerful manner in which they had responded to all requests for assistance. The Treasurer reported that every Auxiliary had met its allocation. Special speakers were Mrs. MacKellar, of Hamilton, whose subject was "Service," and Miss Lamont, Field Secretary.

Huron P.S.—The annual meeting was held on January 10th in Clinton, with a good attendance, encouraging reports and an allocation exceeded by $255.90. The retiring President, Mrs. F. H. Larkin, of Seaforth, was presented with a Life Membership pin by Mrs. R. C. McDermid, of Goderich, in appreciation of her splendid leadership. Miss Taylor, of Blyth, was appointed delegate to the annual meeting of the Provincial Society at Guelph.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—On January 12th delegates from every

section attended the annual meeting at Perth. The reports showed steady growth in all departments. Emphasis was placed upon the Mission Bands and their work in addresses delivered by Mrs. Stewart of Appleton, and Mrs. Dill of Toronto, and a pageant showing the work of the Presbyterian Church in the Immigration Department was given by the children of the Perth Mission Band.

London P.S.—All those who attended the fourteenth annual meeting of London felt that scarcely could a meeting have been more inspiring. Progress in all departments was reported, the allocation having been exceeded by $313. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Annabelle McEwen, missionary on furlough from India, Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, and Rev. W. A. Cameron, Assistant Secretary of the General Board of Missions. Greetings from the west were brought by Miss Cowan, of Saskatoon. The motto, "press forward to the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," was chosen by the President, Mrs. A. B. McDonald, of Ailsa Craig, who also stressed the necessity of training our children for missionary work. A memorial service for Mrs. Middleton, the late Library Secretary, and Miss Sutherland, was conducted by Mrs. W. E. Kelly.

The Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer service was held in New St. James', London. Mrs. John Munro, of the Hamilton Road Church, presided, and the programme was carried out by representatives of the different Presbyterian churches of the city.

Peterborough P.S.—Mrs. D. Ewart, the President, presided at the annual meeting. Excellent reports from all departments were received. Deep sorrow was felt for the loss of the first Vice-President, Mrs. William Hume, of Campbellford, who for many years had been identified with the various organizations of the Presbyterian Church.

Paris P.S.—There was a splendid attendance at the annual meeting, January 19th, Mrs. (Rev.) Moore of Ingersoll, presiding. Reports showed increases in all departments, with $500 contributed over allocation. A gift of $110 was presented to Miss Bertha Robson before her departure to India. Dr. Margaret O'Hara's address on the intimate side of her work left impressions that will never be effaced. Two Minority Groups, Embro and Tillsonburg, the latter having a new Mission Band and both without church or manse, reported progress.

Hamilton P.S.—On January 24th and 25th, the annual meeting was held in Hagersville. Reports showed growth in every department. The allocation was exceeded by $633.47. Mrs. J. A. Locheed, the retiring President, was presented with an Honorary Membership certificate, also a suitably engraved silver basket. The new President, is Mrs. Hugh C. MacKellar. The speakers were Dr. Margaret O'Hara, and Miss P. B. Lamont, who made a call for workers in India and for prayer, sympathy and help for struggling groups in the west.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern, 1934 Victoria Ave., Regina, Press Secretary

Moose Jaw P.S. held its annual meeting in Knox Church, Moose Jaw, January 20th. The opening service was taken by Swift Current Auxiliary. Mrs. Wright, of Assiniboia, reported for the C.G.I.T. and the Mission Bands, the other departmental Secretaries also reported very favorably on the work. Mrs. Stanley, of Weyburn, took charge of the devotions. The officers remain the same with the exception of the Mission Band Secretary, who is now Mrs. A. E. S. McLean, of Weyburn. Following the election of officers came the installation prayer by Mrs. W. Ogilvie of Briercrest, and the closing words by Mrs. Horne, Provincial President. A message was sent to Miss Lily Simpson of Weyburn, who sailed from New York on January 21st to do mission work in the Orient.

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S. held its annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, January 10th and 11th. Mrs. M. Grant presided and in speaking of the work accomplished through the year, pointed out that this Presbyterial had raised fifteen hundred dollars, which was their allocation. Mrs. W. G. Brown welcomed the visitors, and Mrs. Douglas, of Prince Albert, replied. The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. R. S. Foster, and Mrs. W. G. Brown. A discussion of W.M.S. problems was led by Miss Pelton, Field Secretary. Mrs. Horne spoke briefly. Reports of various officers were read. In the evening a public meeting was held when an illustrated address by Miss Pelton, and a talk on the work of the "travelling missionary van," by Mr. D. G. Johnston, were the chief features. Rev. W. G. Brown presided in the absence of Rev. W. J. Burnett, and brought greetings from the Presbytery. Miss Scott, Superintendent of the School Home, entertained the delegates and the 1928 Executive.

Changes in officers for 1928 are: President, Mrs. W. G. Brown, Saskatoon; Secretaries: Recording, Mrs. Percy Hill, Saskatoon; C.G.I.T. and Y.W.A., Mrs. Cant, North Battleford; Mission Band, Mrs. Stuart, Melfort; Home Helpers, Mrs. Rodwell, Saskatoon; Welcome and Welfare, Miss Meldrum, Saskatoon; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Smith, Saskatoon.

Regina P.S. met for its annual meeting in First Presbyterian Church, Regina. Mrs. James McAra presided and welcomed the delegates. Most of the morning was devoted to reading reports of the departmental Secretaries. The devotional exercises were taken by Mrs. J. A. Sinclair and Mrs. G. Boyce. Rev. Dr. Bayne, Judge Farrell and Mr. Stuart Muirhead had charge of the communion service. During the afternoon a conference was held when Miss Pelton led the discussion on some problems of missionary work. Reports of the thirteen Auxiliaries were read, the membership of the thirteen is one hundred and seventy-two.

This Presbyterial met its allocation of $1,350. Nine Mission Bands were reported, four of which were organized this year. There are also three Associate Societies, two of which were organized in 1927. There is one Affiliated Teen-Age Group.

Change in officers: Literature, Library and *Glad Tidings* Secretary is Mrs. J. M. Robb, Regina. Following the election of officers Mrs. Milne gave the installation prayer.

In the evening an organ recital was given for the pleasure of the delegates and their friends. This was followed by an illustrated lecture by Miss Pelton. Mrs. Horne's closing remarks were a benediction to all present.

The Presbyterial sent a message to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. S. Farley, Vancouver, expressing regret at their absence and trusting that the "Giver of all good" may soon restore them to their usual health.

The Executive of the Provincial W.M.S. met in First Presbyterian Church, Regina, January 25th, to make arrangements for the annual meeting which takes place in Moose Jaw, March 29th and 30th.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—"Adanac" M.B. (girls), "Maple Leaf" M.B. (boys), St. Andrew's Ch., Owen Sound.

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Toronto P.S.—"Elizabeth Parker" M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., Toronto; "I'll Try" M.B., Sutton West; Knox M.B., Vaughan.

Saskatchewan

Regina P.S.—Heward M.B.

Life Members

Alberta Provincial.—

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JUNIOR MEMBERS

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British Columbia Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. S. A. Speers, Creston Aux.; Mrs. Janet McLean, Central Aux., Vancouver.

Correction.—In the January number Miss Smellie should be Kerrisdale Aux., not Knox.

Manitoba Provincial.—

JUNIOR MEMBERS

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HONORARY MEMBERS

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JUNIOR MEMBERS

Miss Mary Leitch, Amherstburg M.B.; Betty Lou Zaple (Blue Seal), Donald Smith McRae (Silver Seal), Margaret Elizabeth Scott (Blue Seal), Catherine Walker, Marie King, Marjorie Etta Riley, Aileen Merle Gibson, Nancy Jane Fowler, Brussels M.B.; Donalda Benson, Margaret McKendry (Gold Seal), Midland M.B.; Audrey Duncan McNeil, Dunvegan M.B.; Marion E. Armstrong, Isabel L. Armstrong, Mildred Doreen Copeland, Claude M.B.; Miss Wilda Munro, Wilbur Noble, Chalmers M.B., Uxbridge; Miss Phyllis Jones, Grace M.B., Campbellville; Maurice George, Kitchener M.B.; Merilus Tullock, Matheson M.B., Preston.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

Mrs. A. J. Ross, to her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Brand, Sr., by St. James' Aux., Forest; W. J. Fraser, by Mrs. Fraser, St. Paul's Aux., Winchester; Miss Alma Gould, by her sister, Miss Minnie Gould, Chalmers Aux., Uxbridge; Mrs. H. A. Davidson, by her daughter, Mrs. A. Waddell, Westminster Aux., Smith's Falls; Mrs. E. Auckland, by her daughter, Miss Marion Auckland, Crinan Aux.; Mrs. Edward Malone, by her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Bangs, Knox Aux., Ottawa; Miss Christabel Anderson, Y.W.A. Knox Ch., Ottawa; Mrs. J. P. Hunter, to Mr. J. P. Hunter, by Durham Aux.; Mrs. Hugh MacIntyre, by Maxville Aux.

Correction.—Mrs. Nathaniel Hunter, the Girls' Sunshine Class, Cardinal. This was reported previously from Brockville.

Quebec Provincial.—

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Dr. G. Colborne Heine, Mrs. G. Colborne Heine, by Auxiliary St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal.

Correction.—The Honorary Certificate for Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Knox-Crescent, Montreal, September 15th, was by A Friend.

Saskatchewan Provincial.—

JUNIOR MEMBERS

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Treasurer's Statement

December 31st, 1927

RECEIPTS

Dundas, Jr. Congregation, Knox Church	$ 5.00
W.M.S. P.E.I. "Miss Robson's School"	20.00
Miss Eva Boughton "Education of Bhil Girl"	25.00
Ottawa, Miss McDonald "Work in Northern Ontario"	5.00
Lyndoch, Mrs. A. B. Smith	10.00
Toronto, A Friend	50.00
Toronto, St. John's Sunday School "Miss Reid's Salary"	250.00
Georgetown, C.O.S. Class, "Tuition fees Shanti and Ruth"	40.00
A Friend	15.00
Estate of Miss Agnes Dulmage	$ 500.00
Miss Wylie, South America "Work in India"	100.00
Evangel Hall Sunday School "Chair for Vegreville Hospital"	15.26
Toronto, Miss Carson's Class Knox Church "Support of girl in Miss Robson's School"	30.00
Elementary Division Huntingdon Sunday School "South Porcupine Hospital"	6.00
Refund from Miss Chan's Salary	180.00
Refund from Alberta for Presbyterial Expenses	59.55
Legacy from the Estate of Helen Cant	100.00

Rebate on Insurance ..	$ 3.50
Rent of Property at Vegreville	320.00
Interest	332.65
Government Grants received for Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Schools	6,369.94
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS	
Alberta	2,450.00
British Columbia	1,450.00
Quebec	7,300.00
Manitoba	2,701.57
Ontario	65,065.00
Saskatchewan	2,209.53
	$89,613.00

DISBURSEMENTS

South Porcupine Hospital	$ 550.50
McMurray Hospital	142.00
Canora Hospital	522.93
Vegreville Hospital	317.00
Chinese Work in Canada.	648.04
Persian Work in Canada	115.00
Mistawasis Indian School	70.83
Indian School, "Cecilia Jeffrey"	$ 285.84
Indian School, Birtle ..	432.58
Government Grant paid to "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School	2,509.91
Huntingdon School Home	77.66
New Liskeard School Home	60.00
Saskatoon School Home..	160.00
Prince Albert School Home	265.70
Vegreville School Home..	723.90
Social Service	965.21
India	1,592.28
China	241.74
Formosa	686.27
Publication	1,294.87
Church Extension	600.00
Organization	252.50
Student	770.45
Miscellaneous	489.03
Administration	278.42
	$14,052.66

FINANCIAL SURVEY

Balance on hand Nov. 30th, 1927	$ 28,770.42	
Receipts	89,613.00	
Disbursements		$ 14,052.66
Bank Balance		17,741.53
Pension Fund		11,229.70
Sustaining Fund		10,249.93
Legacy Fund		3,787.08
Cash on hand		61,322.52
	$118,383.42	$118,383.42

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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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The Glad Tidings

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Easter

EASTER, the happiest holiday this old earth knows! The Resurrection day! Life from the dead! Glory from the dust! Tenderness triumphant!

PAST is Gethsemane with its anguish, past Calvary with its crown of thorns, past the stillness of the Garden bought by Joseph of Arimathea, past the chill of the tomb in which no man had lain before, past the pain that was the price He paid in full when the chastisement of our peace was laid upon Him.

EASTER, the great Day! First Day of the week, first in the glorious dispensation of forgiveness, and that friendship between Divinity and humanity, founded like the wall of the City Beautiful, on "a Jasper stone clear as crystal"—the words of the Master: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

EASTER pulses with life, typifies life. "Christ is risen!" sings the choir invisible, "He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!" And Earth, with her greening fields, her sap-stirred woods, her sun-kissed seas, her valleys, hills, and all her tender growing things, swells the Resurrection Song. "Life from the dead!" the tall white lilies sing, and show their hearts of gold. "Life from the dead!" the mosses creeping over myriad graves, the daisies starring all the gloom, the columbines with honey-laden bells, the rose—that flower of fragrant breath—these, and millions more, swell the rapturous chorus: "Life from the dead!" Each blade of grass sings glory; the whole Earth is full of His Glory!

—JEAN BLEWETT, *in The Globe*

Editorial

THE COUNCIL MEETING will be held in Central Church, Vancouver, B.C., from May 30th to June 2nd. There will be eight sessions and all are open to the public. According to present arrangements the first meeting will be on Wednesday at two p.m. At this session the President's address will be delivered, and a service of remembrance for the late Moderator, the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, D.D., will be held. The public meeting on Wednesday night should be of great interest, for the speakers are our own Mrs. D. Strachan and Miss Bessie MacMurchy, the W.M.S. members of the Assembly's Delegation who have just returned from visiting our mission fields in the Orient. Other speakers at the Council include Dr. Margaret O'Hara, of India, Miss G. Lawrence, of Vancouver, and Rev. D. A. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese work in Canada. Thursday evening will be devoted to the young people. We ask the prayers of our members for the Council Executive and those in charge of the arrangements in Vancouver, that all may plan wisely, and that the gathering may redound to the glory of God, and the advancement of His Kingdom.

MISS WILLIAMSON AND MISS MCCONNELL have sent such pretty word pictures of Amkhut. Christmas had just passed. Roses and other flowers were in bloom and the weather was like autumn in Canada. However, as they say, be the weather summer or winter children are all alike at Christmas time and they counted it a privilege to share in making the dear little Bhil children happy. When they first arrived in Amkhut they wondered if the time would ever go, but soon they were wishing the days were twice as long. The only minor note was that they had both been ill with malaria, but were better. The staff at Amkhut is gradually increasing, the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Young, makes it number nine, just a fine big family. The great desire of the new missionaries is to learn the language so that they may be able to speak to the people of Christ.

"MAY WE ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR PROGRAMME?" is the title of a pamphlet which is just off the press. It has been prepared in response to definite requests for help in studying the "Royal Road." It contains a foreword, general suggestions, an outline programme followed by topics and questions on the fourteen chapters. "These programmes are not intended to be followed slavishly, nor to take the place of original thinking and original treatment." The leader is expected to use her discretion in adapting them and in deciding the order in which the fields should be studied. It sells at 10c.

ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE that the lantern slide lecture on British Guiana is now ready. It has over eighty colored slides showing the country, cities, industries, churches, schools, Mohammedan mosques, Hindu temples, groups of natives, workers and catechists, and children which are always interesting. This is accompanied by a lecturette. These pictures were taken by Mrs. McKerroll when she visited British Guiana with the Assembly's delegation. For thank-offering meetings and in the study of the chapter on British Guiana in the "Royal Road" these slides will be found both entertaining and helpful.

We have now three sets of slides. One is on our overseas fields, one on our national work, and the British Guiana set. By the time of the Council another set will be ready on the Oriental trip. These are free except for transportation charges both ways. Apply for them to the Corresponding Secretary in each province, except Ontario, who has its own Lantern Slide Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Talbot, 8 Biggar Ave., Toronto.

A UNIQUE FEATURE AT THE LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL was the presentation to every Auxiliary throughout the Presbyterial of a copy of the new missionary chart designed by Miss Faed of Cannington. This chart, which is issued with the approval of the General Board of Missions and the Council Executive, is printed and sold by the W.M.S. Publications Office in Toronto, and gives the name and location of every missionary, both national and overseas, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It is both educative and invaluable as a help in missionary study for Auxiliaries and Mission Bands.

We regret that in the list of the Church missions which appear on the chart, through a typographical error Tyndale House is spelled Tyndall. This name "Tyndale" was chosen for the institution on account of its close association with the Bible.

"NEW PATHS FOR OLD PURPOSES," by Margaret E. Burton, Executive Secretary of the Department of Education and Research of the National Board of the Y.W.C.A. The author has had opportunity for intimate acquaintance with students visiting the United States from other countries. In this book she seeks to point out some of the new and inescapable demands made to-day upon the Church. She makes it clear that the same purposes and motives which through centuries have impelled the followers of Christ to make disciples of all nations should constrain us now to face with courage and consecration the great missionary needs of our day. It is an excellent book for mission study classes or for general reading. Price, 60 cents paper, $1.00 cloth.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER HAS PASSED, but the remembrance of its quieting and strengthening influence remains. It was a day apart, the one day in the year when throughout the world the voice of prayer was never silent. Provincial reports refer to largely attended meetings in the centres. Port Elgin, representing a country town, writes of a good gathering. In one city the foreign-speaking new Canadians were invited to take part, and women representing eleven different nationalities, shared in different services. The Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Boards of Canada, who prepared the programme, also arranged that all offerings received that day should, after necessary expenses were deducted, go to those interdenominational projects to which the Boards contribute—Christian Literature in Mission Lands, and the Upper Canada Bible Society.

SHORTLY AFTER CHRISTMAS the W.M.S. received a gift of money from the Bible School at Evangel Hall, Toronto, to purchase an easy chair for convalescent patients in Vegreville Hospital. This money was part of their White Gift offering and the chair was chosen in the hope that many tired ones might find rest in it and that, by virtue of its comfort, the sick might be stirred to dreams of health and strength. This gift, coming as it did from women who work and know what it means to be tired, will be the more treasured.

QUEBEC PROVINCIAL SOCIETY decided not to hold an annual Provincial meeting this year. A full Board meeting, with extra representation from each of the two Presbyterials, took its place, and convened in Montreal, on March 21st.

An Explanation

A MOST unfortunate thing has happened which I feel I should tell you about, and thus explain that Alberta really raised $4,628.74 instead of the amount given in our annual statement of $4,028.74.

A cheque for $600 sent in November was not received by us, and we did not know it had been sent until I received the audited report from Mrs. Peattie in February.

After much writing and telegraphing between the Bank in Olds and the head office of the Bank in Toronto, we found that the cheque had not been cashed, so it was evidently lost in the mail. The Bank has now deposited the $600 to our credit and all is well, but I felt it was due to Alberta, that our members should all know how splendidly they gave in 1927, and also explain to the women of Alberta, who did such good work, that it was through no fault of either their Treasurer or our office, but by a simple accident, that this happened.

While I am writing on finance, I would like once more to say just a few words about our estimates. $170,000 sounds like a large sum of money and yet it barely covers the maintenance of our work for 1928. The women of our Church have been made responsible for a certain branch of the mission work of the Church, namely the part carried on among the women and children, both at home and overseas. This we are trying to do in a way worthy of our Church and of our Master.

This year we have cut out a great many requested expansions, feeling that so much was required at present for the strengthening of our Church at home. But, if we cut down this estimate, it will mean the giving up of some of our work, maybe the closing of some of our hospitals or school homes, or giving up some of our workers among the foreigners, newcomers or poor and needy among us. And that I am sure none of us could think of doing without a great struggle. And so I would urge each one to go forward bravely, determined that none shall suffer through our lack of effort and generosity.

(Mrs. R. C.) S. B. Donald,
Treasurer.

The Assembly's Delegation Arrives at Jhansi

Miss Bessie MacMurchy W.M.S. Member of the Assembly's Delegation to India

As the sun rose on the morning of January 14th, the delegation reached the railway station at Jhansi at 6.40 o'clock. Dr. Wilkie, our honored veteran missionary, was there to meet us, and his right hand man, Mr. Samuel Johnson, a valued preacher of some years' standing. Our welcome from these friends was very warm and touching. One was reminded of the verse "As round about Jerusalem the mountains stand alway," when the mission compound came in view, lovely indeed for situation, with Dr. Wilkie's bungalow on rising ground, the rays of the rising sun falling like a benediction upon it. Clustered round in the thirty-three acres of the compound surrounded by a substantial wall, were the ladies' bungalow, the home of Miss Whatling and Miss Stringer, the "Helen Macdonald" Memorial School, the Boys' School, the Industrial School, the walls of which are partly up, the electric light plant, the "Jean Stephenson Brown" Women's Home in which live Gracebai and her four adopted orphan children. The compound is beautiful with trees and flowers, altogether, the property and buildings are a wonderful tribute to Dr. Wilkie's ability and management. As we drove in through the gates the boys of the school and the men of the mission were drawn up, a welcoming cheer was given and a rifle discharged as a salute. The driveway was gaily decorated with pennants, and

the drive ended with a warm welcome from Mrs. Wilkie, the beloved mother of the mission.

THE OFFICIAL WELCOME

The tinkle of bells on the ox-carts bringing the Indian Christians from the farm and other points to church was the first sound that broke the stillness of a beautiful Sunday morning in the compound. Services were conducted by Dr. Wilkie at nine and four o'clock in the assembly hall of the "Helen Macdonald" School. There was a congregation of about two hundred, men and women, with children and babies. We sang familiar home hymns, "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," the service being all in Hindi. Those speaking in English were interpreted for with wonderful accuracy by Mr. Johnston, Dr. Wilkie's right hand man, and an elder in the Indian congregation.

Mr. C. S. McDonald addressed the people, more especially the children. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the afternoon service, the service being taken by the Rev. D. MacOdrum, the congregation being served by the Indian elders, along with Mr. Hawtin and Mr. Cheshire. All the congregation remained to the end of the service, even the babies. One realized anew the oneness of the family of the Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world, as the service proceeded, and the congregation joined in the old familiar paraphrase " 'Twas on That Night When Doomed to Know."

On Monday the Indian Christians entertained the members of the delegation to tea, and Indian sweetmeats, in the school compound. All the arrangements were most ably made by the men of the congregation even to the serving of the tea. Music was provided by a band of four pieces including the bagpipes which were finely played even to the swagger of real highland pipers. The boys and girls of the school sang part songs and rounds and the following warm address of welcome was read by Mr. Johnston and replied to by the delegation.

The Members of the Delegation sent out by the Presbyterian Church in Canada:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a great pleasure to us to assemble here this afternoon to accord you a most hearty welcome. We are very glad indeed to meet you, the worthy representatives of the worthy Boards that have sent you out to us.

We are so thankful to the Church in Canada for their financial support, and not only this, but for the interest they have manifested in the work, and for their continued prayers for us, of which we are quite confident.

It is true we Indian Christians by this time ought to have been in a position to assume financial responsibility; but we are sorry to say that we have not been able yet to reach that goal. However, we may assure you that we are being directed to it; and we do hope that it is not far when the Indian Church will stand on its own feet.

We are grateful to you for the missionaries that you have sent out to us. They are all doing fine and splendid work. We love and honor them; and we know we need them still to guide us in the many problems that confront us.

It is a joy to us to find that Rev. Dr. Wilkie is still able to control and guide us. We need him very badly and pray to God that he may be spared to us for many years yet. Both he and Mrs. Wilkie are greatly loved by us; and we want them to remain in our midst for many a year to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin are doing work in their own special way in trying to help our poor Christians out at the farm; and we are glad to have them. Misses Stringer and Whatling and Messrs. Mackay and Cheshire are all endeavoring to do all they can to uplift the community; and we consider we are fortunate to have them all associated with the work.

Now, will you very kindly convey our best thanks and kindest regards to the members of the Home Boards, and friends that are supporting the work and to the entire Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Thanking you again for your presence and assuring you of our best wishes in the cause of the Master as long as we have the opportunity to serve Him,

We remain
Your Obedient Servants,
The Members of the Indian Christian Brotherhood
of the Gwalior Presbyterian Mission.

Dated, Jhansi, the 16th January, 1928.

The conclusion of the programme was a realistic reproduction of an evangelistic meeting as held by the Indian workers, in a village. Singing accompanied by a harmonium, drum and tambourine was a remarkable feature and one could well imagine the interested crowd that would quickly gather. Everyone keenly regretted Dr. Wilkie's absence through serious illness. A group photograph was taken including the members of the delegation who had all been decorated with garlands of flowers.

The delegation left for the Bhil field on Thursday the 19th, Rev. D. E. Macdonald having kindly come down to accompany them.

The visit to Jhansi was a great joy and a wonderful revelation of the

power of the love of the Lord Jesus Christ in the hearts of the Indian Christians who are a devoted and consecrated body of people or, as Dr. Wilkie has well named them, "The Indian Christian Brotherhood." Dr. and Mrs. Wilkie are held in high esteem and affection by all these faithful followers of Christ and by all others whom they touch.

The Dedication of the "Helen Macdonald" Memorial School, Gwalior

MISS BESSIE MACMURCHY

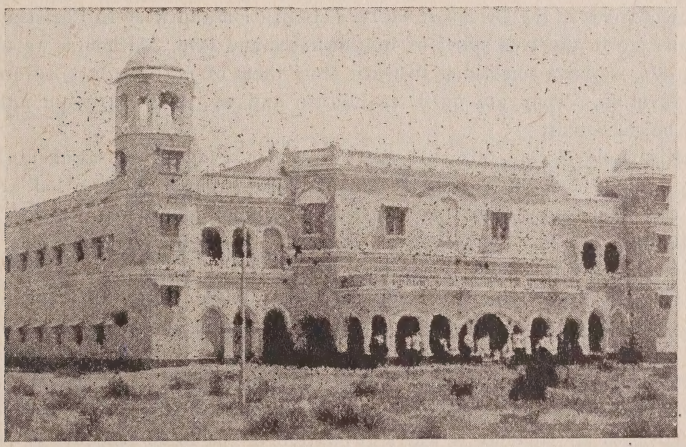
THE most notable occasion of the Delegation's visit was the dedication of the "Helen Macdonald" Memorial School on Wednesday, January 18th, a handsome building with accommodation for a large number of girls. The only drawback in the programme was the continued absence through illness of Dr. Wilkie, which was a matter of great regret to everyone. The British Commissioner for the district, Mr. Deane, was present along with Col. P. B. Sangster, Commander of the Brigade stationed at Jhansi Fort, he being accompanied by other officers. Letters of regret were read, amongst others, one from the Collector, Mr. Darling, in which he paid a warm tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Wilkie and their work. Members were also present from neighboring missions and a large attendance of the Indian congregations. Very many complimentary things were said in the speeches, appreciative of Dr. Wilkie's work and service not only to the mission but to the community. Miss MacMurchy unveiled the portrait of Miss Macdonald, paying tribute to the devotion of her life to all that was good and pure, her love for girls, and her eminent service in the Women's Missionary Society; more especially in the office of Treasurer. The portrait is an excellent one, and the girls of the school were much concerned in case it should get dusty and fade, stating that in their opinion the curtain should be put over it again.

Mr. C. S. McDonald unveiled Mr. J. K. Macdonald's photograph, speaking of his outstanding services to the Church in Canada. The Rev. D. MacOdrum dedicated the building in prayer, after which speeches were delivered by the Commissioner, Col. Sangster, the Rev. Mr. Munroe of the M. E. Mission in which he brought greetings from the Synod of that Church then meeting in Jhansi, specially including the members of the Delegation.

Mr. Hawtin and Miss Stringer, the principal, spoke of the work of the School, the aim of which is to teach the girls the arts of home making, sewing, etc. The pupils do all their own work in the School, and are paid

for such work, thus teaching them independence and self-reliance, the paramount object being to teach them of Christ. Mr. Hawtin occupied the chair in the absence of Dr. Wilkie. The hearty singing of the National Anthem, and the pronouncing of the benediction brought the proceedings to a close.

A very fine collection of embroidery and drawn thread work was on view, the work of the girls, and a goodly amount was sold. The school is specially fortunate in the matron, Munkibai, who in addition to her other qualifications, has had two years in nursing. Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Singh and Mrs. Julius form a well trained and successful band of teachers.



The "Helen Macdonald" Memorial Girls' School, Gwalior
Erected by Mr. J. K. Macdonald, of Toronto, in memory of his daughter

Miss Whatling is carrying on a fine work amongst the zenana women in the city bazaar. Mrs. McDonald and I accompanied her one morning along with Gracebai and Tiziabai, the Bible women. Many houses of different castes were visited. The gospel is read by the women and girls in Hindi and hymns sung. Miss Whatling goes to a different group each day of the week, and gives them lessons in reading and writing. The women are so attractive and sweet, and have very nice manners. They are also much interested in the Red Cross health pamphlets. Many of the women become Christians through these visits. Two of the girls at the school, Florence and Esther, are being trained for Bible women, and Miss Whatling hopes shortly to have a house in the city with a Christian man and woman in it, so as to have a centre for the work. There is also a very large Sunday School carried on.

Three Notable Conferences

A MEETING of wide interest was held in Knox Church, Toronto, on February 10th, to hear our six delegates tell the story of three great conventions. The action was rapid and the art of condensation was rigidly observed. The delegates to the Student Volunteer Convention, held in Detroit from December 28th to January 2nd, spoke first.

Miss E. McDonald stated that the majority of the 4,000 students who attended this meeting went to find how best they could carry on missionary work, and all came back with a deeper sense of the spiritual need of the world. The final test of Christianity is love, and if we would be true representatives in the Orient of western civilization and western Christianity, we must go in the true spirit of brotherliness and love. Although we teach Orientals, we have something to learn from them of patience, art, reverence and devotion. They are quick to imitate and we, as a Christian nation, must be consistent.

Miss Lois McRae felt that the Convention was a great awakening to those who do not see beyond their own little groups. It startled all to hear that Orientals charged us with preaching a religion which we were not practising. We must practise in the home land the religion that our missionaries are preaching overseas.

Miss M. O. Thorpe was convinced that while many different ideas found expression three absolutely unchangeable things were brought home: God—the I Am from everlasting to everlasting. Human need—and all admitted their country needed Christ. Religious need, and the one conclusion that Jesus Christ was not only A way but the ONLY way to God.

To Miss M. Henman it was a revelation to see 4,000 students of every race and nation on the same quest, and to hear nationals from China, Japan, India and Korea tell what Christ has meant and will mean to their people. In the colloquia problems were discussed, and the convention brought home our relation to the missionary enterprise and the responsibility that faced all of making the native land of their missionaries a land of which they can be justly proud.

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Mrs. R. C. Donald, W.M.S. Treasurer, reveiwed the meetings of the Federated Boards of Foreign Missions of North America, held in Atlantic City from January 6th to 9th. Forty-one Boards were represented with 375 delegates. The theme for discussion was "increased power for increased obligations" and at every session emphasis was laid on prayer, fellowship, and God as the God of love.

In arranging for the Day of Prayer, several points were brought out. One was that, instead of one country planning for the World Day of Prayer, other countries be asked for suggestions. This was adopted.

Another suggestion that met with favor was that the sunset hour on Sunday night might be devoted to prayer by Christian women the world over. Emphasis was also laid on the need for mission study for adults as well as for children.

Representatives from all countries were present, and it was marvellous the way they spoke. The coming of foreign students to our colleges was felt to be an opportunity to present God to them in such a way that they would carry back the gospel message to their people.

Perhaps the most impressive speaker was Dr. Hodgkin, and his picture of conditions in China from a national, religious and economic point of view was wonderful. He emphasized the need for spiritually trained workers and warned his hearers that the missionaries in future must be prepared to serve under Chinese leadership if they so wish.

Comparative religions were discussed and while in some of these old religions practically every one of our doctrines are found, there is no Christ.

Foreign missions from the standpoint of a business man was presented by Mr. Boyd, a practical, Christian man. He stated that the method in which men's and women's Boards work is quite different. The women all take office and do the work. The men's work is done by their secretaries and pastors. The men have not had their share of the work, therefore let us have a Men's Missionary Society with the slogan "As much for missions as for ourselves."

The thought that was emphasized most frequently was that God is a God of love, all men are equal in His sight and if we but come to Him we will find no difficulty in carrying out our increased responsibilities.

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Mrs. McKerroll in her opening remarks referred to the two meetings that are held every year: the Home Mission Council of North America, which includes 24 denominations, and the Women's Council for Home Missions which meets concurrently with it. The Federal Council of Churches meets once in four years and this year was concurrent, which meant the delegates were unable to attend all the sessions. However, just before the Home Mission Council started they called a conference of all three bodies, called the National Church Comity Council, to consider the questions that had been raised about how to make the whole of North America Christian. This was of interest, because in North America the women form nearly two-thirds of the Church. 510 delegates and 600 visitors registered.

One of the difficulties presented was the falling budget in the churches of North America. There was also the question of overchurching, overlapping and overlooking. A warning was given against the pessimist, the optimist, the sneerer, and the person who sits back and criticizes and does nothing. Only Christian enterprises can help our country.

In parts of the United States there is one church to every 550 people. In the country their aim is to have one for each 1,000, and yet one-fifth of the country, with one-thirteenth of the population, have no church at all within their reach. The question was what should be done in order to see that a church is within reach of every group in the whole nation. This is the problem, too, in Canada. What can be done to avoid overlapping? Organic union was not the idea. Dr. King said, "Let us all try to be a family under one roof, the way out is by one and all co-operating." That was endorsed by all. "Through co-operation we can do more for America than by forming one Church."

Mrs. McKerroll told of a clever and successful device for stimulating church-going among city dwellers, and at the same time helping rural congregations, which is in vogue in the State of Maine. To meet the drain on city church attendance created by Sunday motoring the owners of cars have been supplied with maps of the state on which is marked every rural church, and have been urged to attend these places of worship when abroad for pleasure. The plan has worked beneficially for the rural charges and has promoted a friendly feeling between the city and country.

There were a great many things that were of interest to us—Indian work, method of religious education, child labor and the student question. In 1930 the students of North America are being called together to study the problems of their own land, in a similar way to that followed by the Student Conference in Detroit in regard to foreign questions. Six commissions have been appointed to study home questions in preparation for this meeting.

Dr. White in closing compared our vision to the diverse views of a certain mountain in Switzerland which students had climbed and argued must be different until they reached the top when they found it was the same mountain.—M. C. G. F.

Old Age

The infirmities that come with closing years
Are but the stepping stones that mark our way
Into the land of glad eternal youth.
To grow old gracefully, full of grace,
Full of good cheer, be that my lot, dear Lord,
To fall in harness, if it be Thy will,
Still doing my small part to help the world;
Glad that when work shall cease and fetters break
No deafness shall obscure Thy one clear call;
No blindness hide Thy loving, tender face.

—K.M.H. in *The Christian Observer.*

Helping Japanese Girls in Industry

Miss Caroline Macdonald, LL.D.

NOTHING that we do at this stage of Japan's development can be more important than the piece of work with which the W.M.S. are co-operating, *viz.*, to give better education to girls who are employed in industry. The contact of these girls with the school is bringing them in touch with the fact, that there are spiritual values in life of which hitherto they have been largely unconscious. Japanese women know well the meaning of sacrifice, but the virtue has been largely to sacrifice for the sake of sacrifice, regardless of the end to be attained or its worthwhileness. Women in every nation however, and conspicuously in Japan, have begun to realize their own intrinsic value, economically and otherwise. The problem that remains is to see to it that they understand the spiritual values of life, and this value not only for themselves but also for the sake of building up the kingdom of God on earth. Whatever we teach is of value, if it be useful and constructive for life in one whole, and not divided into water-tight compartments of secular and religious; on condition that the object of all life and education and discipline be not forgotten, namely to reproduce in all of us as we live our daily lives, the likeness of Jesus Christ, so that all may know that goodness and love have not departed from the earth and moreover that they never will.

Since returning to Canada I have received a letter from the Head of our Night School for Working Girls saying that two of our former students have asked for a recommendation from the school. They had been told by their employers that they would be given better positions if such were forthcoming. Our dream for this school is to add as time goes on, an extra year's work until ultimately it may have the status of a girl's high school. When we shall reach this ideal is of course another story.

I am greatly interested at the present moment in the possibility of the development of our outside work for the girls in factories. Lying in the outskirts of our great sprawling city of Tokyo, are a number of large cotton mills, where perhaps 90 per cent. of the workers are girls, and they largely recruited from country districts and lodged in dormitories within the factory precincts. They work eleven hours a day, and in day and night shifts, which change once a week. These girls in comparison with their little city sisters are unsophisticated and uncouth, and in their dormitories are removed from home influence and all spiritual help. They are lonely to a degree, and are susceptible to any influences, either good or bad, which will vary the monotony of their dull hard-working lives. Nevertheless, these same girls are becoming very suspicious of so-called "welfare" efforts on the part of the management, and of the motives of

those who go to them to do them good under the aegis of the management. They are inclined to believe that religion—whether it calls itself Buddhist or Christian—is a soporific used by the rich to put the poor to sleep, or a sort of pious hope that those who are docile in this world will get their reward in the next. They need to understand that this is but the travesty of religion, the lie direct to the whole spirit of Christ who came to give life and more abundant life to everyone. These little persons, albeit they work eleven hours a day, and about eleven hours a night, are beginning to think, and already among them are being organized Labor Unions through which they are seeking to express this new feeling of their worth. It is a great opportunity for us to be asked by them to co-operate in helping them to understand that "worth" consists not only in better wages, although this too is of extreme importance, but in ennobled minds and purified hearts and strengthened spirits like unto Christ Himself. To do this is not a simple problem, but by various ways and means, all simple in themselves and involving only a little common sense and a good deal of patience on our part, these problems can be met.

The Japanese Government has promised that within three years night work for women will be abolished. By the time this is accomplished, readjustments almost revolutionary in character, will need to be made on the part of the management of factories, as well as the workers themselves. During this intervening time, it is of great value to be in touch with the industrial problem in order that we may help if need be in very practical ways. We are in close touch also with Government officials whose business it is to think out these problems of the future of industry, and with captains of industry likewise, many of whom are also thinking seriously although often quite ineffectually of these same problems.

Tenth Quadrennial Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement, Detroit

IMPRESSIONS BY MRS. D. T. L. MCKERROLL AND STUDENT DELEGATES

CHRISTIAN missions are to go on, so declared, with no uncertain sound, the nearly four thousand students with a few seniors at the tenth quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement in Detroit.

It was recognized with pain that America is not all Christian and that large areas and sections of our national life are yet unpermeated with the spirit of Jesus, yet in Christianity there is a unique something for all peoples of the earth which we should share.

Methods of conducting the missionary enterprise will be modified to meet new situations in various countries, but the Jesus way is the only dynamic and hope of the world.

Full opportunity was given to raise any question regarding the missionary project. In the main convention and in the thirty-three colloquia groups into which the students were divided, these were thoroughly discussed from many angles.

Masterful addresses were made by outstanding men of various countries, Dr. Francis Wei of China, Dr. John R. Mott, Dr. Reinhold Niebicher, Dr. John Mackay of South America.

The closing messages of the convention were given by Dr. Robert E. Speer on "What Remains to be done in Making Christ Known" and by Dr. Henry Hodgkin of China on "The Cross of Christ with Reference to Character, Motive and Message in Making Christ Known."

In that magnificent seven million dollar Masonic Temple hearts and minds were filled with new purpose to devote sacrificial effort in supporting the great missionary enterprises of Christian world brotherhood, some to go themselves, some to study and support it at the home base.

—Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll.

I had the privilege of attending the tenth quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement held in Detroit recently. It was an inspiration in itself to see the deep interest in missions manifested by the thirty-five hundred students assembled there—students representing many foreign countries as well as all parts of Canada and the United States. The aim of the Conference was to face the problems of to-day and to discuss them without any attempt to formulate solutions. Nationals from several countries presented the needs of their lands, telling us of the harm that has been done to Christianity through racial prejudice. They showed us that much could be accomplished toward spreading the Gospel by Christians adopting a friendly attitude toward people of other lands both at home and on the foreign field. I think we all came home having gained a deeper insight into the problems of world missions and a new understanding of them and of the attitude of other races toward our western world.

—Annie O. Robson, Arts '28.
University of British Columbia.

The one thing which impressed me most of all at the convention was stressed by most of the speakers, and especially those from China. It was the need of missionaries in all fields for all kinds of work, missionaries who would co-operate with the native Christians so that the Gospel of Truth might be given to the people in the best possible way. Another thing which impressed me was brought up in one of the colloquia. A native of Portuguese West Africa said that he thought the living standards of the people should first be raised, and then, when they were living in higher

social conditions, the gospel of Christ should be given to them. He said, that as it was, the non-Christians walked right over the Christians, because the latter would not run and hide, but would be ill-treated, thinking it to be part of their religion; whereas if the social standards of living were raised before they were shown Christ, they would be able to withstand the ill-treatment of others.

—*Rosetta W. Moors,*
Edmonton High School, Senior Year.

Recognizing that there are three unchanging things, God, human need, and the ability of Christ to meet that need, the true missionary will put Christ first, and preach Him without criticizing existing religions. He will also transcend denominationalism. To do this, Christ needs to be brought into the various relationships of the whole individual, who calling himself a Christian, is consciously or unconsciously a missionary of the cross. Such things as racial prejudice and the desire for power at the expense of native leadership should have no place in the life of the foreign missionary if the interests of Christ are to be served.

—*Margaret O. Thorpe, Medicine '32.*
University of Toronto.

God

WE often think people shallow, think them incapable of anything serious or profound, because their work is humdrum and their speech trivial. Such a judgment is unfair, since that part of our own life which shows itself to others is superficial likewise, though we are conscious that within us is much that it does not reveal.

I think about God,
Yet I talk of small matters,
Now isn't it odd
How my idle tongue chatters
Of quarrelsome neighbors,
Fine weather and rain,
Indifferent labors,
Indifferent pain,
Some trivial style
Fashion sifts with a nod,
And yet all the while
I am thinking of God.

—Gamaliel Bradford

Invited to a Party

The little children of Fort McMurray and District who accepted the invitation of Miss Ross to a sleigh drive party. The picture shows them starting off from the hospital on a bright Saturday afternoon.

MISS OLIVE ROSS

I HAD the little children's party on Saturday, January 21st and everyone enjoyed it to the full. It was a mild day, with snatches of sunshine occasionally. The horses which drew the sleigh were decorated for the occasion with lovely colored ribbons and a flat sleigh was used, bedded with straw and a few rugs, and over fifty enjoyed the ride to Waterways, a distance of three and a half miles and back. I had a real photograph taken, postcard size, and some day you will see it on the screen. You can imagine I was quite busy "grading" the gifts according to size of the different girls and boys, but there were enough gifts to enable me to do so, without much difficulty. The six larger boys got scarves and the rest a pencil and handkerchief. The larger girls a fancy bag and face cloth and others handkerchiefs. The middle sized boys and girls and the smaller ones had a "grab bag." The boys drew games and puzzles and stuffed animals and the girls all went home delighted with a doll, their little hearts were all aglow for they were so happy. Besides the drive, I had a little party and served sandwiches, cinnamon rolls and cocoa. When they arrived at Waterways some kind man bought them each a chocolate bar. If one can judge by the lusty cheers they certainly enjoyed themselves and although charged not to open their gifts until they reached home, they kept coming back to thank me, as their curiosity got the better of them.

A Peep into a Formosan Home

Mrs. Anna Ross

IN a letter received last spring from Mrs. G. W. MacKay, of Formosa, she told that with money sent to her by a cousin she had ordered two hundred copies of St. John's Gospel in English. She had gone carefully over one of these and marked clearly thirty-two choice verses in it. Then with the help of her children and one of the boys from the Middle School several more Gospels were marked one Sabbath afternoon.

Now it often happens that some of these Middle School boys come over on Sabbath afternoons for a little while with Mrs. MacKay. She and the boys are warm friends and she likes to give them something to do when they come. They know that very well and come expecting it. Week after week she had these young visitors each with a Gospel, carefully hunting up and marking the thirty-two verses until the whole two hundred were marked.

While this was in progress something else was going on along with it. She steadily kept before the boys that she wanted each one of them to take one of these Gospels away with him, on the understanding that any one who read it over from beginning to end would then have the little book as his own. A further offer was made that any one who would memorize these thirty-two verses and come and repeat them to her would be presented with an English New Testament.

In the letter telling of these things Mrs. MacKay said: "Now will you please pray for us, that these little books may be used to plant some of God's thoughts in the hearts of those dear boys?"

In a letter received three weeks ago she says that the whole of the two hundred Gospels have been taken up, and that she is now ordering one thousand copies of Genesis and one thousand of Exodus. Again she asks: "Please pray for us that these little books may take root downward and bear fruit upward."

One verse that Mrs. MacKay has been very fond of for years and one that helps her to keep working away at the planting of God's word among these young people is: "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." But there is more of it. For the rest see Isaiah 55:12-13.

These things are mentioned that our dear praying women at home may have a chance to take a real part in the work. Mrs. MacKay is planting the seed, but it is for us at home to do the diligent watering, that we all may rejoice together as the harvest comes in.

Our Mission Bands need to learn to pray for the work as well as to

give to it. This is a part of the work that children can understand. Here is a beautiful prayer that my father taught me when I was a very little girl: "Open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wonderful things out of Thy law." The children can also pray that prayer for these dear Chinese boys with their Gospels: "Father, open Thou the eyes of these boys that they may behold wonderful things out of these little books. Amen."

OUR LETTER BOX

Lepers Made Happy

Taihoku, Formosa.

"We were very glad to have Mrs. Strachan here, we felt she understood our difficulties. All the Deputation were very sympathetic. We wish they had all come a year earlier and we hope it will be made possible for some more of the home Boards to come out again soon. It is a tremendous help to us all.

Christmas time is always busy with Sunday School functions and parties. We gave a dinner to one hundred and six lepers on New Year's

MacKay Hospital Grounds. Christmas Dinner for the Lepers.
From left: Native Nurse, Dr. Aug, Mrs. Gushue-Taylor.

Eve. Each received a parcel containing a towel, soap, tooth-brush, powder, hymn book, St. Matthew's Gospel, two oranges, packet of sweets and two sponge cakes. It was a very happy time with singing and a gramophone playing.

There is a great need of a lady doctor, until more doctors come to carry on the "Mackay" hospital, we cannot undertake anything further for the lepers, and they are sorely needing a home. We want to start getting a small colony for them. We hear with joy of the appointment of another nurse. When Dr. Flora Gauld was here we had quite a number attend the women's clinic, but they have fallen off again now. Certainly the women preferred to have her to the other doctors.

Mr. Dickson took a service in English in Soren Chapel on Christmas day for all the foreigners and friends who could understand English. In all forty-three attended. We were glad to see some twenty-five Japanese students and they were given hymn sheets, so could follow the singing. We trust they were able to get the message, which was so clearly and well presented. —*Mrs. Gushue-Taylor.*

Sowing and Reaping

Szepingkai, Manchuria.

"The house visiting is most encouraging. In three weeks more than twenty heathen homes have been entered. In many homes large groups of women gather and the good seed is sown with faith for a great harvest. Several addresses are on my list, of people who want me to come and tell them about Christ. Sometimes they even send one of their children in the morning to show me the way to the house, thus making sure of my visit. This week a gentleman was so kind as to guide me to his home, in order that his wife and neighbors would have a chance to hear. It is not a usual thing for a Chinese gentleman to accompany a woman on the street. I realized his embarrassment and meekly followed five or six feet behind so that it would not be too difficult for him. The kind reception at his home paid doubly for the trip, and gladly would I follow at a still farther distance if every door were opened as widely as theirs.

I am trying to visit at least two or three homes a day, re-visiting the former ones once in every eight or ten days if possible, in the meanwhile adding to the number of new homes. Where this will lead to, you can easily imagine. We are expecting native women helpers after the Chinese New Year in January. By that time there will be a ready harvest field and they will just have to put the sickle to the wheat.

Many women are showing signs of the work of grace in their homes, but much more labor has to be bestowed upon them before we can present them to the Lord as "blameless", like Paul wished so fervently to do with

the souls he won for Christ. It takes much prayer, much labor, and mainly a close walk with our Saviour, that always we may be open channels, ready instruments for our Master's use.

I am so grateful for the interest the friends in the homeland are showing in our work. I should also like to mention how deeply we appreciated the privilege of having met with the Assembly's deputation. We often think back with joy to the lovely two days we were permitted to spend with the members of the Commission. Mrs. Strachan, the representative of our W.M.S., has been a great help and inspiration to us. Her kind, wise and practical manner has made a lasting impression upon us and has called forth our best resolutions to serve our Lord with worthier and deeper devotion, considering the noble guides and counsellors He has granted to us and the women's work in China. With somewhat cumbered hearts we saw Mrs. Strachan and the other members of the party proceed on their journey. In some measure we realized the weight of the heavy task, the physical danger in changes to different Eastern climates, the strain of travelling and more than these all, the burden for the churches in this great continent of Asia. Mrs. Strachan's brave heart has made our hearts braver and we commend her lovingly to the care of our heavenly Father and wish the party God speed and a safe journey home."

—*Miss Anna C. A. Kok.*

Lonely Settlers Cared For

Canora, Sask.

"Since the new year we have been exceptionally busy. Have ushered into the world quite a number of new citizens for the Canora community. This morning we had a much wanted eight pound boy. The father is a returned soldier living on a government farm about forty miles from here and no doctor within reach. Their first baby was born at home and unfortunately died, so the mother came down to us about seven weeks ago and has been here ever since. We have all become very fond of our patient so to-day all the staff are excited over our 'Hugh Waddell baby,' as we call him. He will be going back to a lonely little home, but oh, so many of our babies go to homes where conditions are so terrible that one could not believe they existed if they did not see the huts."

—*Miss W. Cuddy.*

"There is a hill in Jewry,
Three crosses pierce the sky,
On the midmost He is dying
To save all those who die,
A little hill, a kind hill,
To souls in jeopardy."

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for April

"THE ROYAL ROAD"

National Anthem—639, 640. *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings*, p. 145). *Scripture Reading*—Deut. 8:6-20. *Minutes. Business. Offering. Solo. Study Topic*—Chapter 1. "The Royal Road"—(1) To what extent are we indebted to the explorers and the early settlers? ("His Dominion" Chapter 2.) (2) French Period—What do you mean by the term? Mention the date of its duration. Prepare a short talk on Champlain. (3) British Period. What territory did Canada then include? (4) Give a map talk on Canada showing the French, British and present day territory. Mark on the map location of national wealth in: agriculture, forest products, mineral, fisheries, fur trade, and manufactures.

"The greatest resource of any country is the people."

What nationalities comprise Canada and where are they located?

(a) Compare the standards of everyday living to-day with that of sixty years ago.

(b) Indicate Canada's contribution to world peace.

(c) Describe the part played by the Church in the last sixty years. (See July-August *Glad Tidings*, p. 237, and "Canada from Sea to Sea" if you are fortunate enough to possess a copy of this leaflet which is now out of print.)

Hymn—"Lord of the Lands Beneath Thy Bending Skies. . .Make Canada Thine Own." *Prayer.*

When Thou Prayest

REMEMBER:

The "Presbyterian Record"; our "Glad Tidings"; all printed material; Library and Lantern Slide Departments. Pray that the printed page may be a means of education and inspiration to those who read; that our Editor, and the Secretary of Publications, may be given special guidance in choice of material; that the hearts of those with special literary talents may be stirred to provide suitable books and leaflets.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

" 'Welcome, happy morning!'
Age to age shall say;"

THE risen Christ was the truth revealed on that first happy Easter morning, almost two thousand years ago, when the stone was rolled away from the door of the sepulchre. With the approach of this Eastertide, the same glad revelation may be ours. Yet, like the Marys of old, some of us may be saying among ourselves, "who shall roll away the stone?" For there are various kinds of stones at the sepulchres of our hearts. Indifference, envy, distrust, selfish ambition, all may be barring the way of the risen Christ. Is it not for us to rise early and seek out the sepulchre bringing with us the sweet spices of penitence and prayer? Then we, too, on the Easter morn may look and find that the stone has been rolled away and that Christ has risen to triumph in our lives.

Hints for a Missionary Project

With the advent of spring comes a picture to our minds of those thousands of virgin acres in Canada's prairie land. Year after year we hear them calling for settlers, and we know that as surely as spring comes and navigation opens, to our shores will come thousands of tillers of the soil from other lands. This leads us to think of the whole problem of immigration—a current topic of interest to our school girls. A project extending over two or three weeks will help to give the girls a better understanding of this problem and their own responsibility.

First meeting—After a Missionary Service of Worship for Girls, tell the story of Jenny Lind, ("Heroes of Our Home Lands", chapter 4.)

Discuss how the study of music can help to fit us for future work. All kindergarten teachers require at least a primary knowledge of music. Miss Dickman, a Chinese graduate of British Columbia University, has chosen kindergarten teaching as her life work. She assists Miss Lawrence in our Chinese kindergarten, plays the piano for the games, and singing, and teaches the junior girls music.

Discuss the various contributions that the newcomers from the countries in northern Europe bring to our land. (See "Our Canadian Mosaic," p. 37, 38, 41. See, Programme Suggestions for Presbyterian Girls, p. 17.)

For the next meeting—Will some one volunteer to draw a map showing, by lines, the countries from which our newcomers may come

this spring? Will some one also come prepared to tell us from which countries our best agriculturalists come?

Second meeting—After the service of worship, display map. Discuss why these people leave their own land.

Tell of the work of our port workers, Miss Scott, Miss MacArthur, Miss Munro. Picture one of them armed with bundles and a bulging bag entering a car, where are British, Dutch, and Danish settlers. She stops in front of the seat of a British mother and five children. A pillow is produced from the bag; scrap books for the boys, wash-cloths for the girls, a doll for the baby. On through the car, the little Dutch boys quarrel over the scrap-book and handkerchief, the baby hugs her little celluloid doll, the mother's heart overflows with gratitude, and she embraces the giver. On she goes, smiles and prayers follow her. How can you share in this work? Plan to make some gifts.

Third meeting—Finish gifts.

List all the races in Canada. Discuss the things you have learned about them.

How is our Church assisting them to become happy home-makers? See the *Glad Tidings*, March, pp. 92, 88, "The Royal Road," Chap. 4, 7.

Discuss better ways to assist this work than just by gifts of the hands. (1) by giving our mites, (2) by prayer, (3) by hearing the call of the Master "ye are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men that they shall see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Let your light shine in school, at work, and in play!

Affiliated groups: "Shining Star," St. Andrew's Church, Edmonton; C.G.I.T., Chalmer's Church, Whitechurch; "Blue Bird," "Minia Sika," "Wohelo," "Saranacs," Midland; "Swastika," Knox Church, Leamington; C.G.I.T., St. Andrew's, Fenelon Falls.

Just before Christmas the Sudbury C.G.I.T. had a special open meeting when parents and friends had the pleasure of hearing a bright and pleasing programme. Two numbers worthy of special mention were, the placing of gifts for the King on the white Christmas tree, and the closing number, "Miss Canada Comes of Age." With the proceeds the girls bought a lantern for the Sabbath School which is proving a great boon to the singing on Sunday afternoons. Recently the girls had an evening with the W.M.S. lantern slides.

The new C.G.I.T. group in Nelson have given a pulpit Bible to their Church.

Montreal Presbyterial Young People's Rally

Three hundred representatives of the Young Women's Auxiliaries, and girls' groups, of the Montreal Presbyterial, gathered in First Presbyterian Church, at a banquet and rally, on the evening of February 6th, in connection with the annual meeting of the Montreal Presbyterial. After the banquet adjournment was made to the auditorium where Mrs. Dougherty presided over the programme which included devotional exercises by Mrs. F. Scott MacKenzie; addresses by Miss Edith Sinclair, Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, Miss W. Ferguson, Superintendent of the Missionary and Deaconess Home, and Miss Marion Ross, a delegate from McGill to the Detroit Conference.

Easter

I crave your pardon, that I did not know—
But for you told me so,
Being a stranger here—
This festival you celebrate each year
I took to be a sort of dress parade,
And fashion promenade—
The matter of a hat, and gloves, and gown;
But for your telling me, I had not known
It had to do with linen grave-clothes laid
From the awakened Dead;
And with a napkin, folded by itself,
From the aroused Head.

—Gertrude McGregor Moffatt

Prayer

"TO Thee O Lord and Giver of Life, be all honor and praise and thanksgiving, that Thou of Thy great mercy didst redeem us from the bondage of sin and death, and translate us into the kingdom of Thy dear Son. In these blessed days of the resurrection life of Him who dwelt among men, may our eyes be opened to behold Him, our lives be formed to manifest Him. May we strive to fulfil the wonderful promise, "He that hath the Son of God hath Life," even life for evermore. Oh, let this hope of immortality grow in us, so that all our life here may be to us a school, a preparation for the full-grown energies of heaven. So may our small tasks become to us full of infinite meaning, our daily round of duty become beautiful and satisfying in the light that streams from Thee, and in the power of Thine endless life. Amen."

MISSION BANDS

Jackie's Calf

BENNIE BRAE

MRS. SCOTT had a cheery welcome and a nice hot supper ready when the children came rushing into the kitchen of the little farm house, all eager to tell about the Mission Band Thank-offering meeting, and of Mrs. Brown who had come from the city to speak. It was Jackie's first meeting, for he was just seven, and he was very much excited.

Jackie felt himself to be of some importance in the home, for, as he explained carefully, "I am just in the middle." By this he meant there were three children older, Rob, Marjorie and Joan, and three younger, 'Lizabeth, Billie and Anne. For, while the Scott household was rather poor in this world's goods, it was wealthy in love, and family and godliness.

So, while the older ones were enlarging upon the meeting, Jackie had something to say too. "A man brought a lamb to God, is in 'Vitkus, Mrs. Brown said. What is 'Vitkus, mummy?"

Hastily anticipating that a shout was forthcoming, Mrs. Scott said quickly, "I expect you mean Leviticus, sonny boy, and that is a big word to say. It is a book in the Bible, and tells about many animals given as offerings to God. It was before Jesus came to the earth and now we can make other offerings, and bring other gifts."

Jackie was not to be turned away from his subject. "I'd like to bring an animal," he said regretfully, "but I don't live in the Bible."

"Look here son,', said Mr. Scott, suddenly, "there is a new calf down in Bossy's stall to-day. How would you like to give that as a gift?"

"And can I drive it to the church?" Jackie asked, excitedly.

"Mary had a little lamb," began Marjorie mischievously, but stopped as she saw a warning smile in her mother's eye.

Mrs. Scott spoke quickly to her husband, "Are you in earnest, John?"

"Sure thing," he answered, "if you agree."

"Splendid," she replied, and turning to the children said, "of course you will not take it to the church, dears. We will keep it for a while, then sell it, and you may take the money to the Mission Band."

How carefully that animal was watched and cared for, and how beautifully it grew. The time came when Daddy announced, "to-day we will sell the calf," and Jackie and his brothers and sisters could hardly wait till they got the money.

It was a good time to sell, the calf was in splendid condition, and

brought a price that surprised even Mr. Scott. When he came home, and the children were gathered around him in the cosy kitchen he explained.

"Jackie, here is more money than I expected. Now the Bible says to give a tenth. If you would like to do that, you may keep the rest for yourself."

"What does that mean?" asked Jackie, looking around.

"It means," said brother Rob, "that if you have ten cents, you give one cent; if you have a dollar, you give ten cents. That is right, eh Daddy?"

"Perfectly right. Now here we have fifteen dollars and the tenth of that is one dollar and fifty cents. How about giving that as an offering, Jackie."

"Be careful, John," warned his wife, but Mr. Scott was looking steadily into the son's puzzled eyes.

"But you said I could give the *whole* calf."

"Yes, but there is more money than I thought."

The little lad was very troubled. "But if I give that little money, it will only be *part* of the calf, and that does not sound right. Mummy, you told us what is in the Bible."

Mrs. Scott quoted, "ye shall not offer unto the Lord that which is broken or cut."

Here the tears fairly overflowed as Jackie sobbed, "my calf must be cut and broken if I give only a part. Daddy, can't I give it *whole?*"

"Of course you may, my son," said Mr. Scott kindly, "I gave you your choice."

With the dear Lord "sitting over against the treasury" at the next Mission Band meeting, do you think He was pleased when the "*whole* calf" was given as an offering? Surely He was, and there were no happier children in Ontario than Rob, Marjorie, Joan and Jackie Scott, and perhaps no prouder parents than Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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VERMILION W. M. Auxiliary raised over $43 last year, and has a good start toward its next contribution, and 20 subscribers to *Glad Tidings.* Two delegates attended Edmonton Presbyterial. A Mission Band of girls, organized in December, met twice in January.

Bethel, Sarcee and Three Hills W. M. Auxiliary offering was $103; the Y. W. M. S., $32; and the Mission Band $38. Supplies, valued at $19.25 had been sent out.

Mr. Hall, Superintendent of Vegreville School Homes, reports an enthusiastic Mission Band and a Sunday School of four classes, doing fine work in memory courses, with more certificates to be presented at the next Mission Band meeting. He adds: "We have one man we hope to send to Knox College next fall to train for the ministry."

Edmonton Presbyterial went well over its allocation of $1,500, having raised $1,746.11 and an extra $100 for a Bible woman. With 7 Auxiliaries, it has 165 members, and supplies, valued at $272.50 were sent out. Fort Saskatchewan, Vermilion, Killam and Wetaskiwin sent delegates. All reports showed encouraging increases. Rev. R. T. Lyttle brought greetings from Presbytery.

Westmount W. M. Auxiliary, Edmonton, had a banner year.

Mrs. C. E. Fisher visited Carstairs W. M. Auxiliary in February.

"Pals" C.G.I.T., Strathcona, Alta., at a recent tea raised $14, the first effort toward the new church building.

Three sleigh loads of happy young members of Olds Y.P.S., Alta., had a pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Strath, where, after games, supper was served to about fifty-two people.

Two C.G.I.T. Groups are to be formed in Olds, Alta., under the leadership of Miss E. Lawton and Miss B. Kennedy, assisted by Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Munson and Mrs. Fisher.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

THE Provincial Board of the W.M.S. met on February 17th, with a large attendance. Mrs. Pillar, Provincial President, presided and made special reference to the passing of the late Moderator of our Church, the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, D.D., whose death is a great loss to our Church, as well as to the Women's Missionary Society, whose friend and sympathizer he was on all occasions. Sympathy was expressed for Mrs. Clay and family in their bereavement.

The Secretaries of departments presented their reports, which showed excellent work done. The allocation for the Province had been reached and progress made in all departments through the year.

MANITOBA

MRS. G. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

AT the annual meeting of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, the Treasurer reported total receipts $1,190.64.

Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell, returned missionary from China, gave an interesting and impressive address in Calvin Church, Weston, on February 10th.

The W.M.S. of Knox Church, Selkirk, held a successful guest tea and sale of home cooking in the form of a birthday party. The regular meeting was held at the manse. Mrs. Hutchison gave a much appreciated address on the Council at Windsor and spoke of the work from coast to coast.

Winnipeg P.S.—The fourteenth annual meeting was held in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, February 21st and 22nd, with the President, Mrs. Kee in the chair.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. E. A. Sterrit and Mrs. A. M. Fraser. Mrs. Kee gave an address on the splendid activities of the year and the bright prospects for the future. Her address carried a note of thankfulness and encouragement.

Mrs. Dinwoodie, Corresponding Secretary, reported 12 Auxiliaries and 2 Associate Societies and stressed the splendid work done by the leaders.

The Treasurer announced that the total amount raised was $2,750. The amount received from the Mission Bands was $631.

Mrs. H. A. Robson's address on "Our Missionaries at Home and Abroad" was a comprehensive study of the history of our missions, and our present strength.

An object lesson by Mrs. Cadwell on "How a Mission Band Class Ought to be Taught" was an inspiration to Mission Band leaders. A demonstration of a Mission Band work period, by Mrs. G. A. Warrington and Mrs. H. B. Henderson, was also interesting.

A splendid talk was given by Mrs. H. W. Huntley on "Side Lights on the Council Meeting at Windsor." She gave great credit to Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Provincial President, for her splendid paper at the Council and for the work she has accomplished through the year.

At the banquet the address of welcome was given by Mrs. H. Sellers and replied to by Mrs. MacKenzie of Gonor. Rev. Mr. McIntosh, and Rev. Mr. Johnstone also spoke.

Rev. N. A. MacEachern conducted devotions at the evening service. Greetings from the Provincial were brought by Mrs. A. J. MacInnis and from Brandon Presbyterial by Mrs. J. A. MacDonald.

Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell delivered a fine address on China.

Miss Margaret MacDonald, a delegate to the recent Student Volunteer Convention in Detroit, gave an interesting résumé of the meetings.

Mrs. J. C. Howey was designated as deaconess at a beautiful service presided over by Rev. D. Johnstone.

The Secretary's report was read by Miss M. Henderson.

In her address Mrs. Howey reported that thousands of people came in last year, in one case there were 48 names in 3 families. She spoke

of the difficulty of tracing the different people, of the helping hand they gave to the sick, and the words of encouragement to the depressed.

The Departmental reports were good. Y. P. and C.G.I.T. was reported by Mrs. A. T. Kernaghan. The roll call of Auxiliaries showed a good attendance. The question box was conducted by Mrs. Evans.

Three resolutions were passed, one expressing deep sympathy for Mrs. Clay; the others urging greater observance of the Lord's Day, and pledging assistance in greater temperance education of the young.

The installation prayer was offered by Mrs. M. MacKenzie.

Mrs. Long, the newly elected President, paid tribute to Mrs. P. Kee for her splendid leadership of the Society since re-organization. The closing prayer was by Mrs. J. R. MacDonald.

Changes in officers: President, Mrs. A. M. L. Long; Secretaries: Rec., Mrs. A. Andison; Cor., Mrs. J. S. Flook; Y. W. and C.G.I.T., Mrs. M. S. Hawke; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Lister; Home Helpers, Mrs. A. J. Sutherland; Literature, Mrs. W. H. McDonald; Library, Mrs. J. C. McCallum; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. N. McWilliam; Supply, Mrs. W. J. Martin; *Glad Tidings*, Mrs. G. Reynolds; Press, H. W. Huntley.

A large congregation attended First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, for the World Day of Prayer. Mrs. J. S. Hutchison presided.

ONTARIO

Mrs. G. Tower Fergusson, 70 Madison Ave., Toronto, Press Secretary

Provincial Annual Meeting

THE fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Ontario Provincial Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be held (D.V.) in St. Andrew's, Guelph, April 24th, 25th and 26th. It is particularly requested that the name and full address, city, street and number, rural route or Post Office Box of each Delegate be sent to Mrs. J. A. Gray, 63 Liverpool St., Guelph, not later than April 1st.

Railway Information

Convention rates are being granted by the lines governed by the Canadian Passengers' Association, Eastern lines.

"If 150 or more attend, return fare will cost one-half single fare plus 25 cts. validation fee. Going tickets and certificates will be issued April 19th, to April 25th, inclusive, and properly validated certificates will be honored for tickets for the return journey up to and including April 28th. Standard certificates are only issued when single fare is not less than seventy-five cents. Will Delegates please remember to buy a single first class ticket, asking at time of purchase for a STANDARD CERTIFICATE."

Delegates living outside the boundaries governed by the Eastern Lines

Division of the Canadian Passengers Association, in order to benefit by convention rates should buy a regular return ticket to the nearest point and from there buy a single fare ticket asking at the same time for a standard certificate.

Barrie P.S.—The annual meeting of the W.M.S. was held in Chalmers Church, Alliston—newly opened and dedicated. Interesting reports were received and Mrs. J. Wilson was made a Life Member. Marked progress has been made during the year.

Glengary P.S. Executive, held in St. John's Church, Cornwall, on January 19th and 20th, was well attended. The reports recorded progress. Although the allocation was larger than in 1926 it was exceeded.

Guelph P.S.—The sub-committee met on January 25th. Annual reports showed steady growth in all departments. The allocation was fully met by contributions amounting to $7,616. Notice was given of a motion to change the date of the annual meeting from May to April, in order that it should be held prior to the annual meeting of the Provincial Society. Knox Church, Guelph, has the banner Y. W. Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Guelph, the banner Mission Band, while Central Church, Galt, has the banner Auxiliary.

Kingston P.S. Executive meeting was held on January 31st, at the home of Miss S. L. Mowat, Kingston. The work of the year in all departments was reviewed. The allocation was exceeded by $58.07. Keen interest is taken in the development of the Mission Band department. Two new Bands have been organized and the banner for the year has been won by the Picton "Little Messengers."

Ottawa P.S.—Although there was not as large an attendance as usual at the fourteenth annual meeting, there was an atmosphere of quiet confidence and deep spirituality throughout the entire proceedings. It was opened by a young people's session, an enthusiastic gathering of Mission Band, C.G.I.T., and Young Women's Associations. Progress was shown in all departments, with a total of 22 Auxiliaries, 2 Honorary Life Memberships, 23 new Life Memberships, 3 In Memoriams, 9 Junior Certificates, and 3 seals. The special speakers were Mrs. J. W. Dill and Dr. Margaret O'Hara.

Paris P.S.—The fourteenth annual meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Paris, with an attendance of nearly two hundred. Each report presented contained an optimistic note. An official welcome was given to Mrs. Langford, representative of the two Auxiliaries of St. Paul's Church, Simcoe, which had been added to this Presbyterial. Contributions received amounted to $557 over the allocation. An address was delivered by Dr. Margaret O'Hara.

Toronto P.S.—Seven hundred delegates, representing 72 Auxiliaries,

22 Y. W. Auxiliaries, 23 teen-age Groups, 53 Mission Bands (2 having a membership composed entirely of boys) and one Associate Society, attended the fourteenth annual meeting at St. John's Church, Toronto, on January 26th and 27th. $1,611 more than the allocation and over $800 in excess of the previous year was contributed, besides supplies to the value of $7,000. Mrs. D. Strachan, who gave impressions of her visit to various mission fields in the orient, Dr. Margaret O'Hara, Miss Ruth Buchanan, Mrs. W. F. Adams and Dr. A. S. Grant were the special speakers.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—The fourteenth annual meeting was held in Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, February 7th and 8th, the President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, presiding, 312 members registered.

The reports showed 35 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 1,338, 13 Y. W. Auxiliaries and 2 Associate groups with 241 members, 20 Mission Bands with 627 members, and 16 Teen-age Groups with 188 members. Home Helpers number 779, making a total membership of 3,173, an increase of 264.

The Treasurer reported that $15,740 was sent to the Provincial Treasurer, being $460 short of the allocation of $16,200. Through the generosity of some kind friends of the W.M.S. this deficit was subsequently made up.

The Home Helpers' Department noted increase in interest, members and givings. Total membership is 779. Forty-three Home Helpers joined Auxiliaries during the year and contributions amounted to $1,435.05. 290 members take *Glad Tidings*.

Welcome and Welfare. 435 visits were made, resulting in many families and young people connecting up with the Church and the Sunday School. Miss MacArthur and Miss Munro have been of wonderful assistance to the Secretary. The work is becoming better organized and the future is bright.

Literature Department had a banner year, total sales amounted to $240.10, an increase of $42.60. The large number of missionary and study books sold evidence deeper interest in the work.

Glad Tidings subscribers number 1,483.

Life Membership. 53 Life Memberships, 13 In Memoriam Certificates, 10 Honorary Memberships, 14 Junior Memberships, 7 Junior first stars were subscribed for, and 25 Membership pins sold during 1927.

The Young Women's Department organized two new Auxiliaries. All the Auxiliaries in the city, with one exception, were visited, and a Rally

held at Athelstan in October for out-of-town Auxiliaries. All have contributed splendidly to the finances and good supply work has been done. Increase in contributions was $313.82. The future for this work is full of promise.

Library Secretary reported many parcels of books and magazines forwarded to mission stations.

Exchange Department noted marked increase in the work.

Mission Bands. Two new Bands were organized, making a total of 20. A successful rally was held in April when a banner was presented to the most efficient Band. $762.76 was raised during the year.

Supplies. Value of supplies from Auxiliaries was $838.99; from Y. W. Auxiliaries $158.01; from Mission Bands $135.30, a total of $1,132.30. Cash donations amounted to $27. The supplies were sent to the different hospitals and missions.

C.G.I.T. and Girls' Organization work is now carried on by Mrs. A. W. Lamb, the new Secretary appointed last November, and has shown great improvement; 10 new groups and clubs were organized in 1927, making the total 16, with membership of 188.

The President, Mrs. Dougherty, in her address, expressed gratitude for the wonderful progress made in all departments. She spoke hopefully of the work among the teen-age girls which is showing marked improvement. We want more women to join with us and consecrate to this work, the talents which the advantages of this day give to them. The President recommended the use of the missionary chart and new study book. Two new missions at Henderson Station and Cote St. Paul were mentioned, where it is hoped soon to organize Auxiliaries. Reference was made to the proposed new third Presbyterial for this province, which would enable us to extend our work; also to the new School Home in Huntingdon, which is to be ready for pupils in September. Regarding the financial outlook, the President felt confident that the allocation for 1928 would be reached.

Montreal Presbyterial was exceedingly fortunate in having Mrs. D. Strachan, who had just returned from the Orient, address the sessions. She told of conditions among the Koreans in Japan, where the work has now been put under Rev. L. L. Young's superintendence; and described the wonderful work of Dr. Caroline Macdonald in Tokyo. In speaking of Formosa she touched on the hospitals, schools and work among the lepers, and paid high tribute to the workers. She urged the Church and W.M.S. to rouse themselves and realize the necessity of sending out more doctors, teachers, nurses, etc., and also an assistant for Dr. Goforth and for Rev. Mr. Young. In contrasting the Bible women in Formosa with the poor women there, who pray to their unanswering gods, and the children in the mission kindergartens with the dancing girls in the heathen temples, Mrs. Strachan said, "evidences of Christianity *are* to be found and Christian

Missions are *not* a failure, and the gospel is a power to those people as it is to us.''

Miss Ferguson, Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, gave a delightful address. She urged Auxiliaries to tell their young women of this Home and how much they are needed with their various abilities, to train for Christian work.

Miss Edith Sinclair, National Girls' Work Secretary, made an earnest appeal for the teen-age girl, gave some splendid suggestions for strengthening our work among the girls, and expressed the hope that the Provincial Board would be able to carry out their proposal of holding a Leadership Training School this summer in the new School Home in Huntingdon.

The question box, conducted by Mrs. Geo. E. Ross, called forth several helpful discussions.

Greetings were brought from the Provincial Board by Mrs. I. C. Sharp, President, and from the Presbytery by Rev. J. D. Anderson, Moderator.

A resolution was passed by the Presbyterial, expressive of the deep sorrow and loss sustained through the passing of Rev. W. L. Clay, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly. A resolution was also passed by the Presbyterial, expressing the deep sense of loss sustained through the passing of Mrs. Ephraim Scott.

The sessions were bright and interesting, and the general opinion was that this was one of the most successful meetings that has been held.

Changes in officers: C.G.I.T. and Girls' Organization, Mrs. A. W. Lamb; Mission Band, C.G.I.T. and G. O. Supply, Mrs. O. J. Miller; ''Glad Tidings'', Mrs. A. M. Robertson; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. E. R. Douglas.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern, 1934 Victoria Ave., Regina, Press Secretary

DESPITE the cold night a good attendance was present at St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, when the ''Ephraim Scott'' Mission Band presented a fine entertainment under the leadership of Mrs. Thos. Douglas. Two picturesque pageants, ''The Garden of the Heart,'' and ''The Heralds of the King'' were effectively portrayed. Thirty young people took part in the former and twenty in the latter. Individual items of the programme, which were also much enjoyed, consisted of solos, duets and recitations.

''Lucy Baker'' School Home, Prince Albert, was the scene of a merry Christmas party when fifty friends and members of the ''Ephriam Scott'' Mission Band, St. Paul's Church, were entertained by Miss R. Paterson, Superintendent of the Home, the resident girls and some missionary workers of the Church. The spacious drawing room was

beautifully decorated and a Christmas tree, bright with ornaments and laden with gifts, occupied a prominent position.

After some vocal and humorous selections had been rendered a telegram was received from Santa saying that he would arrive in half an hour. While waiting his arrival refreshments were served.

A jingle of bells, a gust of cool air and Santa himself breezed into the room laughing and talking and shaking hands with the little ones who were too excited to speak. Every little boy's and girl's heart was made glad with a doll or suitable gift, in addition to a bag of good things to eat. Three cheers were given Santa who had to go, as he was to be very busy that night, and appreciation was expressed to Miss Paterson for the use of the Home and for the splendid entertainment.

Regina P.S.—The programme committee of the Provincial W.M.S. met February 22nd in First Presbyterian Church to make arrangements for the Provincial annual meeting which will be held in Knox Church, Moose Jaw, March 29th and 30th.

Mrs. J. A. Sinclair presided over the World Day of Prayer Service in First Presbyterian Church on February 24th. She was assisted by several representatives from sister churches.

Saskatoon—Parkview W.M.S. met on January 3rd with a good attendance, all members enrolling for the year. Rev. W. J. Burnett gave an address on the work of the W.M.S. and its duties to the church.

St. Andrew's—At the regular meeting on February 8th, Mrs. Margaret Cameron, of Sovereign, was made a Life Member of the W.M.S., by her husband and daughter, Sovereign having no Presbyterian Church or Auxiliary. Mrs. Grace addressed the meeting.

Prince Albert—"James Nesbitt" Auxiliary held an interesting meeting on January 19th when reports of the Prince Albert-Saskatoon Presbyterial meeting of January 10th and 11th were read by their delegate. Mrs. C. Everett, one of the oldest members of our Society, was presented with a Life Membership and pin.

Regina P.S.—"Heward" W.M.S. held a Valentine Tea on February 11th. It was a great success financially and socially and we are hoping for a prosperous year.

"Reckon it isn't the job we do,
But the faith and hope to carry us through,
That count at the fall of evening dew
As wearily home we plod.
And it's never the learning we display,
But the smiles and the help we give away,
That figure a deal at the end of the day
When we square accounts with God." —*J.A.L.*

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A correction.—March—Mrs. A. J. Ross, by her daughter, Mrs. Thos. Brand, Sr., of St. James Aux., Forest.

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Receipts	5,903.06	
Disbursements		$ 27,664.52
Bank Balance		36,129.70
Pension Fund		11,229.70
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Editorial

THE COUNCIL OF THE W.M.S. will be held in Central Church, Vancouver, May 30th to June 2nd. This is, without doubt, the most important meeting of the year. It is a gathering of leaders and experts, and is Dominion wide in its representation and world wide in its outlook. Here the activities of the year will pass in review, plans and problems will be discussed and lines of work decided upon. It is purely a deliberative body, and those who attend do so in the full knowledge of the responsibility resting upon them, not only during the sessions, but throughout the year, for every delegate to the Council is expected to pass on to her Provincial, Presbyterial, Auxiliary, or Young People's Society, the information and inspiration received at the Council. Being held so far from Ontario, with its large delegation, the cost will probably be in excess of other years, but the decision to hold the meeting in British Columbia was made by the Council with a full knowledge of this fact. Over against the added expense we would place the incalculable benefit that will result through the interchange of ideas, and the opportunity that will be given the women of the east to understand conditions in the west. On the Sabbath preceding the Council and the Sabbath following, thirty-three or more members of the Council will occupy the pulpits in near or distant points, and the members of the Assembly's Delegation to our overseas fields have, in addition, arranged to speak at different places on the way out. Then British Columbia is holding its annual Provincial meeting the day before the Council, so that the members may also attend the Council and get the inspiration the Council meeting always brings.

The following is a tentative outline of the programme:

Wednesday 2 p.m.—The President's address and a Service of Remembrance for the late Moderator. 8 p.m.—Addresses by Mrs. Strachan and Miss MacMurchy, members of the Overseas Delegation.

Thursday.—Departmental Reports. Addresses, Rev. D. A. Smith and others. Young People's meeting, pageant and slides.

Friday.—Overseas Missions: British Guiana—Mrs. McKerroll; Japan, China, Formosa—Mrs. Strachan; India—Miss MacMurchy.

Saturday.—Conference. Business. Installation of officers and closing words.

We ask the earnest prayer of our members throughout these sessions, for only in so far as we are guided of God will our work be blessed.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the General Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada convened in Toronto, March 20-27th, Rev. D. R. Drummond, D.D., presiding. Dr. A. S. Grant was Secretary. Some seventy delegates, including thirteen members of the W.M.S., East and West, were present. Matters dealing with policies affecting both home and foreign mission fields, the details of the operation of these fields, and the appointment of new workers were considered. Progress and optimism were the keynotes of the reports of the representatives who were present from all parts of the Dominion, and also of the overseas delegates. Each member brought a distinctive contribution, and how valuable that contribution was will be gathered when we mention some of the men who were present: Dr. McQueen of Edmonton, than whom no man in the Church is more greatly honored or beloved; Dr. Kerr of Halifax; Rev. W. G. Brown, of Saskatoon; Rev. J. A. MacInnes, of New Liskeard, Rev. James MacKay, of London, and the Synodical Superintendents who have wrought so faithfully in the face of almost unsurmountable difficulties to rebuild the Church and to-day have the joy of seeing the work taking on visibility.

Work among the Indians, Hungarians, Italians and Ukrainians, was reviewed and prospective work among the Scandinavians in the Prairie Provinces, and the French Protestants in the Gatineau district, considered. The Chinese situation was splendidly presented by Rev. D. A. Smith, and very real interest was aroused in his appeal for a suitable building in Vancouver.

Much time was devoted by both Board and Committee to the vexed question of Immigration. The feeling was that greater use should be made of the Welcome and Welfare Department of the W.M.S., which is organized from coast to coast and has for years been welcoming strangers and linking them up with the Church.

One of the most unique pieces of missionary work was that done by Mr. Johnston and his Sunday School van in Saskatchewan. So successful has been this venture that Southern Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta all want one. Only the expense prevents a duplication of this effective mode of preaching the gospel and ingathering our own people.

Although 140 appointments were made to fields the great need at the present moment is ministers, and an appeal is to be made to parents to direct their sons into this, the greatest life work.

The presence at the Board of two members of the Assembly's Delegation added greatly to the interest of the foreign work session. Mr. C. S. McDonald gave the official report of the work in Japan, Formosa, Korea, Manchuria, China and India, and Mrs. Strachan ably supplemented it.

One of the most impressive events was the presentation of the W.M.S. candidates for overseas: Miss Dorothy Douglas, teacher and Miss Margaret Ramsay, evangelist, to Formosa; Miss Jean McLean, evangelist, to Japan; Miss Mary Murray, teacher, to British Guiana; and the reading of the names of those who left earlier in the year: Miss Isabel McConnell, nurse, to the Bhil Field; Miss Marion Williamson, teacher, to the Bhil Field, India; Miss Alma Burdick, evangelist, to Formosa; Miss Ada Adams, teacher, to Formosa; Miss Jean Cummings, nurse, to Formosa; Miss Lily Simpson, nurse, to Gwalior; Miss Young, evangelist, to Manchuria, China; eleven in all, also Mr. Eugene Stevens who is going to Formosa as a medical missionary, under the Church.

MISS BESSIE MACMURCHY, the W.M.S. representative of the Assembly's Delegation to India, arrived home on April 3rd. Speaking in response to the welcome of her co-workers on the Council Executive, Miss MacMurchy stated that her visit to India had given her a wonderful insight into the work and problems of our missionaries. Her prayer is that she may be able to pass on to the Church what she saw, and to interpret to its members the surpassing power of Christianity as she saw it exemplified in the lives and faces of the Indian Christians. No words could aptly express her admiration for the work of our missionaries whom she said were surpassed by no others, and she had met a great many notable women. As a member of the Delegation she had no hesitation in saying that the venture was certainly worth while.

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED that, owing to serious illness, Dr. Wilkie is returning to Canada. He sailed from India on April 16th by the *City of Paris* and will leave England for Canada on May 11th by the *Antonia*. He will be accompanied on the entire journey by Mrs. Wilkie and as far as Liverpool by our nurse, Miss Simpson.

ONE OF OUR MISSIONARIES who went to Formosa recently tells of a trip into the central part of the island. The work there is quite new. There is no church. The preacher is an earnest spiritual man. About fifty hearers meet in a store building. "How I wish," says the writer, "that you could 'see' by radio or by some other means, the light in the faces of the real Christians here. One cannot doubt the reality of joy given by the Holy Spirit when people will endure persecution for so little outward reward."

INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED from Rev. R. Paterson, Synodical Superintendent for Manitoba, that arrangements have been completed for the

holding of Presbyterian services in Birtle. This means that the children of our Indian Boarding School and the staff can march down to service in the town as they have been accustomed to do for many years. They expect to get the use of the Baptist Church for the service in the afternoon. An ordained missionary, Rev. J. B. Miller, will take the service in Birtle and have charge of the work among the Indians on the Bird Tail Reserve. The children of the school will have their Sunday School at 11 a.m., service in the Baptist Church in town at 3 p.m., and service in the school dining-room at 7 p.m. Mrs. Miller, too, will be a great help. She is an ardent Sunday School worker and a clever speaker. She and her husband were nineteen years in China with the China Inland Mission.

MISS TEMPLETON, Superintendent of our hospital at South Porcupine, was a welcome visitor at the Council Executive last month. She spoke briefly of the work of the hospital, of the four operations in one week and eight the week before, and made the interesting statement that thirty-five per cent. of their patients are foreigners. Her appeal for Finnish Testaments were gladly granted. Miss Johnston, formerly deaconess at Cochrane, who was another Board visitor paid tribute to the courage of the women of the north and the helpfulness of the supply bales.

OUR MEMBERS EVERYWHERE will rejoice with us in the honor that has been conferred on our President, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, in her appointment as Chairman of the National Girls' Work Board, which office has been filled most effectively for the past five years by Miss C. Body.

The services of Miss Muriel J. Gray, our Council C.G.I.T. Secretary, have also been recognized, she being chosen chairman of the Ontario Girls' Work Board.

THE FIRST SOD has been turned for the extension to the nurses' residence in connection with the hospital in Taihoku, Formosa. The fact that sixteen native nurses are now living in the hospital would indicate that this extension is necessary.

AN IMPRESSIVE SERVICE was held at Scott Institute, Toronto, recently, when three adults were baptized, also the infant daughter of Rev. Morris and Mrs. Zeidman.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS.—Mrs. Annie L. Gouldthorpe, as Superintendent of Huntingdon School Home; Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, assistant Port Worker at Montreal; Miss Annie Young as missionary to Manchuria, China; Miss Kate Lowther, for six months as part time Girls' Worker in Scott

Institute under Mr. Zeidman; and Miss Sibyl Crawford to work among the Chinese in Saskatchewan for six months.

We also announce with very sincere regret the resignation of Miss Ethel Gunn, who has rendered valuable service in the Jewish Department for the past two years.

THE JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH ISSUES of the *Glad Tidings* are exhausted and any subscriptions received now will have to begin with the April number. We hope that the members who have these copies will lend them to the new subscribers who may wish to read them.

Sunday at Amkhut

MISS BESSIE MACMURCHY, W.M.S. MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY'S DELEGATION TO INDIA

VERY beautiful for situation is Amkhut, surrounded by wooded hills, with stretches of valley between, reached by nine miles of jungle road leading in from an excellent state highway. Here nestle the mission buildings, the principal one being the Bhil Mission Church, crowned by a beautifully proportioned cross, and scattered here and there in the compound the Buchanan bungalow where Mr. C. S. McDonald and Mr. MacOdrum, Mr. and Mrs. Young are, the W.M.S. bungalow in which are the Misses Robson, Maxwell, McConnell and Williamson, also Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and their two wee girls and myself. Mr. D. E. MacDonald and Mr. Toombs are in rooms attached to the chapel. Dr. Maitland drives over from Jobat, and so we have all the mission family with us. Every one meets at meal time in the ladies' bungalow which radiates hospitality and kindness.

The Delegation was escorted from Jhansi by Mr. D. E. MacDonald who was a most efficient and thoughtful guide. Mr. Young and Dr. Maitland with his motor, met us at Dohad, and the drive out of fifty miles was very interesting and beautiful, showing us a very different India from any we had before seen.

Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan and the ladies gave us a very hearty welcome upon arrival, and the school boys with flags, along with the girls, greeted us in fine style. These are great days for the Bhils in our mission as a Mela is being held for three days including Sunday. When one looks at the well laid-out compound and the roads and paths, one wonders how Dr. Buchanan ever managed to get here thirty years ago through the roadless jungle. Of a surety, the work of his hands has been established in a wonderful manner, under the blessing of God. There is not a woman or child who comes to the crowded church who is not known to Mrs. Buchanan

who, in spite of many years of indifferent health, has carried on such a soul redeeming work amongst the people.

The church bell called everyone together on Saturday afternoon for the beginning of the Mela. A service was held in the Church conducted by Dr. Buchanan at which the members of the Delegation spoke, the devotions being assisted in by the Bhil Christians. The Church was crowded with people of all ages. No one could help but love these Bhil people, an attractive, independent, clever race, living on their own little farms, working hard, learning and following Christ with a simple-hearted devotion which is a lesson to Christians who have been such for many generations.

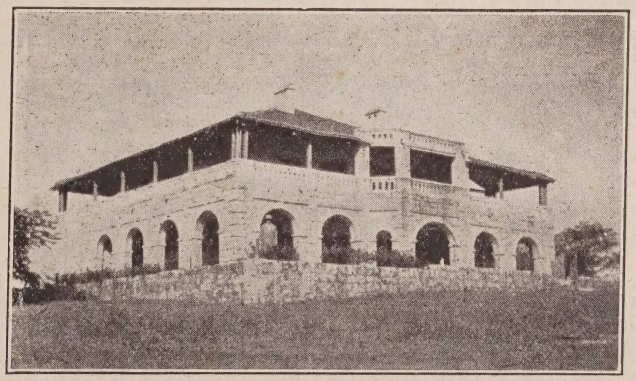
Children going to school in Amkhut, Dispensary. Dr. Buchanan's Bungalow to the right.

There is no caste system, the men and women mingle freely, and the tribal religion is demon and ancestral worship.

Sunday morning service was at nine o'clock and again the church was crowded, no one stays home with the children and babies in Mission Compounds, they all come together and stay to the end. The singing is a beautiful part of the worship, it is so heartfelt and spontaneous and everyone joins. Dr. Buchanan conducted the communion service assisted by Mr. MacOdrum. There are eleven Bhil elders. The elements were chupatties and raisin wine. In place of individual cups each one was given a Ranji leaf which was shaped into a little cup and a spoonful of raisin wine was put in by the elder, the leaves were all gathered up at the end of the sacrament. There were also baptisms, one a baby boy, the others a father and mother who were making their vows as new Christians, pledging them-

selves to give up demon worship and endeavor to follow Christ, giving their children a chance to be taught. It was a very touching sight to see Mr. MacOdrum baptize this little family. The mother holds the baby and the father places his hands on the baby's head, thus both parents join in the vows over their child. The morning service lasted for three hours, few, if any, Canadian audiences would have given the attention the Bhils did for such a length of time.

There was a woman's meeting at one o'clock at which Mrs. Buchanan, Miss Robson and Miss MacMurchy spoke, the subject being Christ's love



W.M.S. Bungalow, Amkhut.

for little children. The Bhil Christian women offer beautiful prayers, speaking without hesitation and with deeply devotional tones. Jankibai, the matron of the girls' school, made a charming little speech sending a message of greeting to the Women's Missionary Society, thanking them in the name of the Bhil women for having sent the missionaries and the Delegation, also expressive of happiness in knowing that the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Christian Bhil women belonged to one great sisterhood in Christ.

And so the sun went down on the Missionary Compound of the Presbyterian Church in Amkhut, and the peace of the hills descended, the last sound heard being the music made by a Bhil drum, tambourine and flute as the people sang Christian Bhil bhajans in their homes.

"No voice of prayer to Thee can rise,
But swift as light Thy love replies,
Not always what we ask, indeed,
But, O most Kind! what most we need."

Our National Mission Work

Blessed Is the Nation Whose God Is the Lord.—Ps. 33:12.

SCHOOL HOMES

In the summer of 1927, the management of the School Homes at Vegreville, Prince Albert and Canora was taken over, after they had been assigned to our Church by the Dominion Property Commission. The Home at Canora, Sask., has been closed. In the fall of 1927, a house was purchased in Huntingdon, Que., and is now undergoing repair and in the fall of 1928 will be opened as a School Home for boys and girls. Ninety girls and boys were housed in the School Homes of the W.M.S. during 1927.

Pupils at the Presbyterian School Home, New Liskeard, Ont.

Vegreville, Alta.—Mr. James Hall, Superintendent. There are 42 boys and girls in the two Homes. A Sunday School was begun in September with 3 teachers, a Bible Class was also held for the older boys. Another class was added, taught by one of our own boys. Thirty beginners and 9 primary course memory certificates were presented, also several junior course certificates. The Sunday School Board have furnished supplies. The Mission Band has a membership of 50 with a collection of $9.00 at three meetings held in 1927. A Presbyterian minister is now in Vegreville. Service is held in our School house and the minister lives in our isolation building.

Saskatoon, Sask—Delay in building operations made it impossible to open till March, 1927, and the first term there were 9 girls resident in the Home. When the fall term opened the Home was full, the ages of the girls ranging from 14 to 18 with 2 aged 20. In September, 1927, the Home

was formally opened and dedicated by Presbytery. Rev. W. G. Brown, as Moderator, conducted the service. On Sabbath morning all attend St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. In the afternoon, a Sunday study class is held in the Home. It is a class of St. Andrew's Church and is called "Blue Banner Class," and its motto is "With honor, truth and love we serve." It is affiliated with the W.M.S. and sent in $17 to the Presbyterial Treasurer. The Superintendent, Miss Scott, says, "We cannot but feel that this class has brought us all together as nothing else could. It is the centre of our home life with the little evening worship, the link which keeps us together as a family through the week." Three of the girls have definitely expressed a desire to take up missionary work in our own church.

Prince Albert, Sask.—All the pupils in this Home left at the end of June, 1927, and in July we opened with a new Superintendent, Miss Robina Paterson, in charge. From Canora Home came four orphan children. Three of these are Hungarians and sisters, the fourth is Ukrainian. This number has been increased by three Canadian girls. The pupils attend services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The Superintendent, Miss Patterson, reports many donations from the organizations of that church.

New Liskeard, Ont., had an enrollment of 11 boys and girls, not as many as heretofore. High schools were built last year in Cobalt and Englehart and this accounted for the difference. Three girls and one boy are preparing themselves for teachers and one girl for hospital training, and one boy is very ambitious to become an engineer. Two of the girls have been with us since the Home was opened. The services and activities of St. Andrew's Church are enjoyed by all. Miss Manson is the Superintendent.

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Man.—This School was assigned to us by the Dominion Property Commission. The present Principal, Mr. H. B. Currie, took over his duties in May, 1927. He found the building in poor condition and the health of the children seriously impaired. The thanks of the Superintendent and of the Secretary are tendered to the Department of Indian Affairs and to the Indian agent for their hearty co-operation in improving conditions. More cows were bought to provide an adequate supply of milk for the children, new pillows were provided to replace those that had to be burned. But the only thing that will really remedy matters is a new school. We have the promise of the co-operation of the Department in this and are looking forward to a new school in the near future. The present enrollment is 35 boys and 53 girls but the new school should accommodate 125 as all the children of school age cannot be accommodated in the present school.

Each morning and evening there is worship, the morning lesson is always the passage assigned for the day in connection with the Sunday School lesson. Sunday School is held in the School with seven classes and the staff of the School as teachers. The collections for four months were $19.30 which is being used to buy Sunday School supplies for 1928. Church service in 1927 was also held at the School.

At Christmas a tree and entertainment was given, attended by many of the Indians from the four reserves. After the entertainment the chiefs of the reserves spoke expressing their gratitude to the Church for the work it was doing and to the staff for the care and happy contented condition of their children.

"Cecilia Jeffrey," Ont.—This School was also assigned to us by the Dominion Property Commission, the Principal and his wife, Rev. A. D. and Mrs. Menzies, remaining in charge. There are 71 pupils enrolled. Early in 1927 an epidemic of "flu" swept the School but since then the health of the pupils has been good. A new school is being built by the Department this summer on a new and more convenient site. In the fall, a lantern was purchased for the use of the school which can be used with either slides or films. Mr. Menzies is using films on the life of Christ, Canadian geography and nature studies. A Mission Band was organized among the larger girls called the "Cheerful Givers," the name suggested by the girls. Each week Mrs. Menzies, their President, and the girls have made pies, baked beans and these have been sold to the Indians and candy to the staff. They have realized $30 and are very enthusiastic over their Mission Band.

HOSPITALS

Fort McMurray, Alta.—During the year, there were 5 patients in the hospital, 3 maternity cases, 1 cystitis, 1 bronchial pneumonia. Two maternity cases at their homes and 44 cases incidental to the life of such a hamlet as this, makes the record for the year. Two hundred and thirty-one visits were made by the Superintendent, Miss Olive Ross, who also tried to assist in any other emergencies that occurred.

South Porcupine, Ont.—The total number of patients treated was 193; number requiring operations, 85; surgical cases, not operative 31; 22 obstetrical cases and 24 babies; also 24 cases of miscellaneous maladies. There were five deaths, male and female. An extra nurse was sometimes required as relief for the hospital also for patients requiring special attention. Seven doctors avail themselves of the privilege of the hospital and Paymaster, Dome, West Dome Lake and Beaumont mines send patients representing 14 nationalities.

In the division of property made last April, by the Federal Commission,

two hospitals, one at Canora and one at Vegreville were given to the Presbyterian Church.

Canora, Sask.—The "Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital, with fifty beds, is situated in the centre of a large foreign population. Of the 602 patients treated during the past year 50 per cent. were Ukrainians, 30 per cent. Doukhobors, 10 per cent. Austrians and Poles, and 10 per cent. English speaking. The hospital is meeting a great need, and is much appreciated by the people of the town and the surrounding district. The practical interest of the townspeople is shown, not only by their yearly grant of one thousand dollars, but by gifts of equipment to the hospital. Miss Wilkins, who had been the capable Superintendent for five years, resigned in May. Miss Lily Simpson, now with Dr. Wilkie in India, supplied for three months, when Miss Cuddy, formerly of South Porcupine Hospital, was appointed Superintendent September 1st, and under her efficient management, the hospital has done excellent work. With her are associated a staff of four graduate nurses, a secretary and one undergraduate nurse. The hearty co-operation of the doctors of Canora has contributed greatly to the success of the work.

Vegreville, Alta.—The "Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital situated in the town of Vegreville, Alberta, ministers to a large foreign population. It is a twenty bed hospital, and is under the efficient superintendency of Miss McPherson, who has been Superintendent for five years, and is beloved by patients and staff alike. Three graduate nurses complete the staff. During the year 374 patients were treated, 121 of these being surgical. Extensive repairs have been made to the building, which have improved its appearance and added to the comfort and efficiency of the patients and staff. Tribute must be paid to the splendid work of the Hospital Aid of Vegreville. The ladies have completely renovated the Nurses Home, putting in a new furnace, and refurnishing the sitting room. They also gave a fruit shower of 130 quarts of fruit. Tribute also, is paid to Dr. Reid, of Vegreville, for his loyal support and co-operation in everything affecting the welfare of the hospital.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Deaconess Work—Welcome and Welfare

Miss Murray, hospital visitor, Toronto, carries messages of comfort to the sick, follows up discharged patients and helps them in their homes, and gathers lonely girls about her in her room or links them up with some young women's club or Bible class.

Miss Annie Whitby is doing deaconess work in the Riverdale district, Toronto, for this year.

Miss K. Lowther has been assigned to young people's work in Scott Institute, Toronto.

The resignation of *Miss Ethel Gunn*, special Jewish worker in Toronto, is regretfully announced.

Miss M. Allan continues general deaconess work in Hamilton.

Miss L. Macarthur, deaconess and port worker in Montreal will be transferred to Quebec for the summer months to meet the increasing immigration service.

Miss Iris Munro, port worker in Montreal, will have an assistant for the summer months. Miss Macarthur and Miss Munro have organized a girls' club for newcomers which is very successful and much appreciated.

Miss M. Hugill, deaconess, assists in recruiting church members and Sunday School scholars in mission charges and new congregations in Montreal.

New W.M.S. Pin to be worn by Welcome and Welfare port workers.

Miss B. I. Johnston, who served as a missionary deaconess in Cochrane for nine months, speaks appreciatively of the supply bales.

Mrs. Jean Howey, deaconess at large, Winnipeg, sometimes shelters needy newcomers in her home. A flourishing Girls' Friendly Club is a feature of the work here.

Mrs. Mackenzie, All People's Mission, Selkirk, Man., (Box 330), is missionary, teacher, preacher, and friend to the new Canadians and is making a valuable contribution to our Church in a work that is very encouraging and showing splendid results.

Mrs. J. F. McLean, deaconess at large, Vancouver, welcomes strangers, reports newcomers to the nearest Church and visits the sick.

Mrs. E. A. Wright carried on S.S. and Young People's work in the district of Murrayville, B.C., during the winter months, in the absence of the student missionary.

Miss R. R. Scott, port worker at Quebec, and *Miss Lena Fraser*, under the Eastern Division, at Halifax, greet our newcomers and welcome them in the name of our Church.

The *Welcome and Welfare* of newcomers is another branch of our Social Service, and reports show interest and co-operation wherever a Welcome and Welfare Department exists. Much has been done by the first visit of the Secretary, but repeated visits are most necessary. This opportunity for service rests upon every member and Secretaries and workers appeal for assistance in the effort to make newcomers realize that there is a place for them in our Church and community life.

The Secretaries of all six Provincials report faithful visiting of the sick and the newcomers, welcoming the strangers and careful follow-up

work. In Ontario 9,198 visits were made, 3,580 Welcome and Welfare names received, of these 1,510 persons have definitely connected with some form of congregational life.

A leaflet is being prepared which Secretaries can send with a letter to any who are too far away from a church to attend. An effort will be made to supply these families with S.S. papers and literature which will help to keep them in touch with the Presbyterian Church.

Orientals in Canada

CHINESE IN CANADA

The W.M.S. is carrying on work in five centres—Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, Brockville and Montreal. One addition has been made to the staff, Miss Hattie Jue in Montreal. In Vancouver, Miss Esther Fong Dickman has taken the place of Miss Ida Woo.

Victoria.—An afternoon class of 23 children, visiting in the homes of the mothers and teaching five of them to read the New Testament in English engage the week day hours of Mrs. Macqueen. A kindergarten of 46 pupils, a music class of 23 members and a music club which meets monthly for recital occupy the days of Miss Scott. A successful Women's Auxiliary of 10 members with offerings of $39.30 is conducted by Mrs. Macqueen. Miss Scott has a very alert Mission Band of 43 members. Both these workers teach in the night school which numbers 5. Mr. David Lee, a member of this class, is now in China preparing for medical mission work. A Chinese class in Knox Church, Windsor, Ontario, is meeting his expenses. Miss Lily Chan has proved an efficient interpreter. She is secretary of the Auxiliary. They all teach in the Sunday School which numbers 90.

Vancouver.—Miss Lawrence and Miss Esther Fong Dickman carry on a kindergarten of 19 pupils, and a music class of 14. There is a Mission Band of 20 members and a Bible and mission story hour with lantern slides. Four women get English lessons in their homes that they may read the Bible. They teach in the night school and Sunday School. The latter has 118 members. The Superintendent, Secretary and 4 teachers are Chinese. The primary department is in charge of Miss Dickman and Miss Daisy Yeung, daughter of the pastor. Prizes for regular attendance were won by 24 pupils.

Toronto.—Miss Dickson reports there are about 60 women and 140 children. The women's meeting has an attendance of 10. Their offerings of $19.00 were donated to the Chinese Home Missionary Society. A prayer service is held for women on Friday and a children's class of 13 on Saturday. Miss Sibyl Crawford from the Deaconess Home assisted very

materially with the latter. Miss Dickson is Superintendent of the Chinese Primary Department of Cooke's Church Sunday School which has 25 children. Their offerings of $38.77 were sent to the Chinese Home Mission Society. About 70 boys and girls are in the classes of the Sunday School. In September, the older girls were enrolled as a C.G.I.T. Group. Miss Dickson also holds a monthly service for Chinese in Hamilton and in other places as opportunity offers.

Brockville.—There are about 60 Chinese here; 4 of them are women. There are 12 boys and girls in the Sunday School. Besides taking an intimate oversight of the Chinese in Brockville, Miss Davies visits the women and children in 9 towns in Eastern Ontario.

Montreal.—A primary class of 14 pupils is held daily. The 44 women have been visited regularly and religious instruction given when possible. A monthly meeting is held for women with an attendance of about 15. Miss Reid spent a month in Windsor where there are 700 Chinese, 8 of these are women. She had the joy of seeing one baptized with her two little children in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. As opportunity offers she visits the towns in Eastern Ontario and Quebec where Chinese reside. She addresses classes and has services for men when possible. In all the centres where we have Chinese work Christmas entertainments are held. They are much enjoyed by the women and children.

Special Gifts.—The Women's Auxiliary in Knox Church, Hamilton, gave $44.65 for Chinese literature, in memory of Miss Agnes Dulmage. Miss Longmore and Miss Margaret Dulmage also contributed. The Council Executive added $50.00 so a foundation has been laid for this much needed literature.

PERSIANS IN CANADA

A very earnest service has been carried on by Rev. E. O. Eshoo among his own people in and around North Battleford, Sask. Sabbath services were well attended. Six communicants were added to the roll and five children were baptized. Week night meetings were held for prayer and singing practice. Lessons were given in English or Persian as desired. In midsummer Mr. Eshoo's health began to fail and he had to withdraw from the work for a time, much to the regret of his congregation and the W.M.S.

SUPPLIES

This department now provides the necessary equipment and supplies for four Hospitals, six School Homes and two Indian Schools. It also provides the supplies required for the Social Service and Orientals in Canada Departments. Various mission fields and Indian reserves under the care of our Church receive many bales of quilts and clothing. At the request of the British Settlement Society some assistance is being given

to the families coming to Canada from the Old Land. For example, in one Presbyterial, houses were secured and made ready for two such families. As a further help to the parents, temporary homes were found for some of the numerous children—in one family there were fourteen. In addition to supplying institutions, the needs of the port workers, Miss Macarthur and Miss Munro at Montreal, and Miss Scott in Quebec, have been met, also those of the deaconesses at large in Vancouver and Winnipeg and the hospital visitor in Toronto. Christmas gifts for Mrs. MacKenzie's Sunday School at Selkirk, for Jewish children in Toronto, for Chinese children in Victoria, Vancouver and Toronto, and for Dr. Caroline Macdonald's work in Tokyo have been most generous. Supplies also accompanied Mrs. McKerroll to British Guiana, Miss Burdick to Formosa and Miss Robson and Rev. D. E. Macdonald to India. The estimated value of these supplies according to Provinces is: Alberta $966.02; British Columbia $675.98; Manitoba $724.88; Ontario $23,008.92; Quebec $793.30; Saskatchewan $353.85; Total $26,522.95.

Attention is again called to the desirability of forwarding to the Council Supply Secretary the *Invoice Form* which gives the quantity and value of the supplies; the *Receipt Slip* signed by the receiver of the supplies; the *Receipted Shipping Bill* for all shipments and the *necessity* of forwarding these *Forms for shipments* of supplies to Indian Schools. Without these vouchers the Dominion Government will not reimburse us for freight charges on supplies to Indian Schools and this would mean the loss of several hundred dollars.

LIBRARY

During 1927, 9 pulpit Bibles were sent out through the Library Department of the Council Executive to several points in the Dominion. Bibles, catechisms, 387 small Books of Praise and 27 large ones with music were also sent out.

Alberta reports 145 library books and 36 Bibles sent out, 30 of the latter to Vegreville School Home from Eastside S.S. of First Church, Edmonton, and the Y.W.M.S. of that Church. Scripture picture rolls were sent to British Guiana. Mrs. Key, of Faust, received from an unknown donor, 29 beautifully bound copies of St. John's Gospel for her S.S., and about 300 copies for free distribution. S.S. papers and supplies were sent by Innisfail and Olds.

British Columbia.—Kootenay sent 15 books to British Guiana; groups got S.S. papers weekly also *Glad Tidings.* A library was supplied to a S.S. Kamloops-Okanagan sent S.S. papers to Vernon where they have neither minister nor Sunday School. New Westminster sent thousands of magazines, S.S. papers and books to hospitals at Vancouver, New Westminster, Tranquille also throughout the province. Groups in the

interior received 7 splendid S.S. libraries; Scandinavian Immigration Mission, current magazines, and lumber camps and mines, parcels. Victoria sent S.S. literature to Vancouver Island and 14 books to a catechist in British Guiana. The Young People's Societies assisted in this work.

Manitoba.—Kenton, First Church, and St. Andrew's, Brandon, sent a large quantity of reading matter to Indian Reserves, Lenore, and Winnipegosis, and Geographic magazines to the Girls' Home, Saskatoon. Neepawa helped missionaries on the field. Winnipegosis was supplied with 24 Books of Praise. Eighteen dozen Moody and Sankey hymn books were furnished Mr. Willson, Elphinstone, and a pulpit Bible was gratefully accepted by a minority group at Minnedosa. Council supplied Mr. Ostle, Westbourne, with 24 Books of Praise and 2 with music, also hymn books in the Dakota language for Indians at Portage la Prairie and hymn books for Mr. Coulter on his missionary tour among the fishing and lumber camps. A S.S. library for Morden was supplied by Ontario Provincial.

Ontario.—Hundreds of boxes of literature have been distributed. When Presbyterials speak of tons of literature, we know that something worth while has been accomplished. Two libraries of 150 books have been given in memory of loved ones. Several pulpit Bibles and a number of hymn books have been sent out. Some Auxiliaries have subscribed for extra copies of the *Glad Tidings* and for other magazines for individuals in lonely places. We have supplied 8 minority groups with S.S. libraries. All feel that, though we have experienced losses, the children must not suffer and many have given generously.

Quebec. — Calvin-Westminster, McVicar Memorial, St. Mathew's, Stanley, Westmount, Huntingdon and Georgetown Auxiliaries responded to the appeal for literature for catechists in British Guiana. Six in Quebec Presbyterial purchased books. Books and magazines were sent to Seven Islands, Romaine, Quebec and Port Menier, Anticosti by 11 Auxiliaries. Other contributions include books to Tyndale House by St. Andrew and St. Paul, S.S. books and pulpit Bible to Montreal North Presbyterian Mission, by First Presbyterian Church, and literature to Loretteville, St. Agathe Sanatorium, Rosemount Convalescent Home, Inland Sailor's Mission, charitable institutions, lumber camps and isolated districts.

Saskatchewan.—The Regina Auxiliary collected a library of 125 books for its own S.S., sent 82 books to the School Home, and 4 picture rolls and a number of S.S. papers to Miss Mackenzie of Strasbourg. A request came from Council, that books be sent to Miss Cuddy for the "Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital at Canora at least twice a month, this was acceded to by the Presbyterials. Old magazines, having pictures, were sent to the School Home at Saskatoon and proved an assistance to the girls in their studies.

LANTERN SLIDES

In June, 1926, sets of lantern slides showing our National and Overseas work were compiled with a descriptive lecture, and one was sent to each of the provinces for circulation.

Early this year, sets on British Guiana from pictures, nearly all of which were taken by Mrs. McKerroll when she was there with the Assembly's Delegation, were prepared and one set of about eighty pictures was sent to each province accompanied by an interesting lecture.

Mrs. Strachan brought from the Orient pictures illustrating our work in Japan, Formosa and China—enough for two sets which are now being prepared.

Miss MacMurchy's pictures of the Gwalior Mission and the Bhil Field, we hope, will also be on glass and sent on their mission of education before the end of the year.

The only expense to a Society using these slides is the cost of transportation both ways. Application for them should be made to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary.

Graduation of Missionaries and Deaconesses

THE graduation ceremonies in connection with the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, were held in the beautiful chapel of Knox College, Toronto, on the evening of April 5th, and were largely attended.

Representatives of Toronto Presbytery, the Principal and Professors of Knox College, members of the Deaconess Board, and a full choir occupied the seats in the chancel. The chair was taken by Mr. R. J. Lillico, who referred to the acquisition in September, 1927, by the Church of the beautiful new Deaconess Home, 156 St. George Street; of the increasing number of students and the greater opportunities for women in the work of the Church.

Miss W. Ferguson, Principal, in her report emphasized the fact that the graduates were prepared to assume a definite responsibility in the Church's great function—the furtherance of Christ's kingdom on earth. In her résumé of the year's work she stated that there were twenty students in residence, seven graduates, three short term students, of these six will be placed in the foreign and three in the home field. "These are the first fruits of the Training Home and the return to the Church for the faith invested in us."

Rev. Joseph Wasson presented the following seven graduates with

diplomas: Miss Anna Brell of Pambrun, Saskatchewan, under appointment as Assistant Superintendent, Girls' School Home, Saskatoon under the W.M.S.; Miss Margaret Clark of Asbestos, Quebec, designated to Knox Church, Fort William, under the Deaconess Board; Miss Sibyl Crawford, Carleton Place, Ont., designated to Chinese work in Saskatchewan under the W.M.S.; Miss Jean MacLean of Almonte, for kindergarten work in Japan under the W.M.S.; Miss A. Mary Murray of Milan, Quebec, teacher, who received honors in all subjects, for British Guiana; Miss Margaret Ramsay, Brantford, Ont., for evangelistic work in Formosa under the W.M.S.; Miss Dorothy Douglas, for Formosa as a High School teacher. Eight first year students received certificates for their work.

Graduate Deaconesses
From left: Misses A. M. Murray, J. MacLean, S. Crawford, M. Ramsay, M. Clark, A. Brell.

Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., presented certificates for Sunday School work to the graduates, and Mr. Wasson scholarships to Miss M. Murray, B.A., and Miss D. Douglas, Miss Paton, Miss McLean and Miss Brell. The prize essay on the "Home and Foreign Missions of our Church" was won by Miss Margaret Clark.

Rev. J. A. Mustard, B.A., Moderator of Toronto Presbytery, officiated at the designation of Miss Clark and Miss Crawford, as deaconesses and Dr. Inkster gave the dedicatory prayer. Mr. C. S. McDonald, a member of the Assembly's Delegation to our overseas fields, gave a brief outline of the work as he saw it in British Guiana, Japan, China, Formosa and India and assured the graduates that the greatest work given them to do was to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ.—M.C.G.F.

Field Secretary's Report

FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1927

MISS P. B. LAMONT

NOVEMBER 1st I went to Campbellford for a special meeting at which the Home Helpers were entertained. The following week I spent at The Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and spoke to the students on W.M.S. organization. On the 8th I commenced a tour of North Bay Presbyterial, beginning with the Parry Sound Thank-offering meeting. They were also entertaining their Home Helpers department in which they have 74 members. The Home Helpers Secretary calls on each personally. The following day had a conference with C.G.I.T. and Mission Band leaders, and left in the afternoon for Magnetawan by way of Sudbury, North Bay, and Burk's Falls. At Magnetawan there is a splendid group of faithful women with a W.M.S. and fine Mission Band. Here, while the minister has 3 preaching stations he is giving service to 5, and he and his wife are doing a great work in ministering to the many poor of the community. The W.M.S. bales are a great source of blessing and very gratefully received. The next meeting was at Huntsville. Their only missionary organization is a W.M.S. Auxiliary, but am hoping for an affiliated Y. W. Bible Class. Next came North Bay where they have a lovely new church building. The meeting was a combination of W.M.S. Thank-offering and Y.P.S. missionary meeting. There are some very faithful workers here, and I am sure other branches will be organized in the near future.

The next morning I left for New Liskeard, and although it was a very stormy day, found a splendid company of women assembled for their W.M.S. meeting. Mrs. Patterson of Englehart, Presbyterial President, gave an account of the Provincial Board meeting in Toronto. There is a good organization in New Liskeard. They have two Mission Bands, and plans were being made for a C.G.I.T. Group. The following day, in company with Mrs. Patterson, I visited the Auxiliary at Tomstown. This is a small village congregation in connection with Englehart. They are hoping to build a new church this spring, but their present meeting-place is little more than a log shack, and in very, very great need of repairs. They have an Auxiliary of 6 members but only 4 were at the meeting. However, it is a wonder that they are organized at all. I addressed the Thank-offering meeting at Englehart the following night. It was their annual Home Helpers meeting also, and, considering the unfavorable weather, the attendance was good. Mrs. Patterson is a tireless worker not only in their local church, but in the Presbyterial as well. From here I went to New Liskeard to relieve Miss Manson for ten days. I enjoyed very much my experience in the Home which I found in good condition, and the

children doing good work. One girl comes over 300 miles. I asked her why she did not go to a High School nearer home. She replied: "Because there is no School Home that is supervised." One of the girls is chairman of the programme committee of the Y.P.S. and another is secretary of the senior Mission Band. While here I addressed the Sunday School and the Sunday morning service, and had a conference with the W.M.S. executive.

On the 29th I went further north. I visited Kirkland Lake and Timmins, and paid a visit to South Porcupine Hospital where I received a cordial welcome from Miss Templeton and her staff. There were four patients and two babies. Cochrane was the only other place visited in the Temiskaming Presbyterial. They have no W.M.S. but are putting some missionary programme in their Ladies' Aid, and I expect they will link up as an Associate Society. Their Mission Band is to be re-organized. Distances are so great and organizations so few in this Presbyterial, that the inspiration gained from fellowship is sadly missed.

From Cochrane I returned to North Bay and addressed a group of teen-age girls. They were going to organize but the form was not decided upon. But no matter what form it takes they will get missionary training as their leader is a missionary enthusiast. From here I went to Burk's Falls and met with a newly organized Auxiliary. Plans were already made for a Mission Band. I talked over plans with the two leaders who had been appointed. They are a struggling group which bought back their old church, and as one lady said: "We couldn't very well accept aid from the Mission Board unless we were willing to do what we could for missions, so we got our W.M.S. started."

Because of bad roads the tour of Superior and Algoma Presbyterials had to be postponed. However plans for a meeting at Sudbury had been made, so I went on December 8th, but a blizzard was blowing and the attendance was small. Had a nice meeting with the Mission Band in the afternoon. Sudbury has a fine new church and are well organized.

WHAT ONE HOME HELPER DID

A note of encouragement to Home Helpers' Secretaries, showing what one woman may do if she gives herself to her task, comes from a minority group in Montreal West. The Secretary appointed for this year undertook to enlist every woman of the congregation who is not an active member of the W.M.S., and with but two or three exceptions, succeeded, reporting at the end of March a roll of 62 members, and the sum of $51.50, the amount of the first quarter's offering. The reflex influence on the Society and the congregation is not the least of the excellent result of this consecrated effort.

OUR LETTER BOX

A Trip to the Country

Formosa.

"Miss Clazie invited me to go with her to Shinchiku for the week-end. We travelled third class on a Friday afternoon train. The car was crowded as many students were returning to their homes. Near us two boys were studying English readers. Miss Clazie thought she would see if they needed help, so she leaned over and spoke to them. They were very much interested to hear a foreigner speak in their own language and were glad to get some assistance with their English lesson; but Miss Clazie had a higher purpose, so after the help was given she told them stories of Jesus and the hope which faith in Him brings. One of the students said he attends church sometimes and all listened attentively. Some tracts were distributed and several people in the car were anxious to get them.

After riding about three hours, we arrived at Shinchiku where Mr. Tan, the Formosan preacher, met us at the station. As we neared the manse, riding in rickshaws, we heard the church bell ringing, calling the Christians to prayer meeting. The sound of the bell was good to hear but the small numbers of members present was a disappointment to us.

Prayer meeting over, our next duty was to entertain the preacher's family by setting up our beds in a room they had prepared for us by moving their own sleeping quarters. The children were interested in the number of blankets used for they are accustomed to sleeping between two heavily padded quilts. The night was cold and we were glad we had brought several blankets.

Saturday morning we breakfasted on bread toasted over a tiny pot of glowing charcoal in our room, canned coffee, fruit, etc., which our baskets contained, and rice from the family pot. The hospitable little wife would gladly have supplied all our food but it is the custom of the missionaries here to carry their food with them for the ministers have none too much for their own family needs.

We had morning worship with the family, then Mr. Tan accompanied us on a bus trip to a neighboring village where we visited the preacher and two former Girls' School students. The way led along a winding road over hills from which we had glimpses of beautiful patched fields showing the bright green of the young rice and the darker colors of the sugar cane. We met trains of men bearing huge loads of sugar cane on sticks resting across their shoulders and neck. Other men were carrying loads of snow-white pith from which hats, flowers and other decorations are made.

The village preacher seemed glad to see us and led us to the homes

of the girls, one of whom lived some distance out in the country. He was dressed in a long fur lined silk robe and flapping sandals, which did not interfere with his walking, however, for he kept ahead of us and skipped over the rough stony walks like a boy. The wind was strong and nearly blew us off a narrow bridge we had to cross, but it was bracing, and, by the time we got back to the village, we were ready to thoroughly enjoy the feast prepared for us at the other girl's home. Words of encouragement and suggestion for Sunday School work were given then we returned to Shinchiku.

Mr. Tan took us through the sugar factory where unrefined sugar is extracted from the sugar cane. We visited a large temple which is said to have cost 350,000 Yen to build. There were many horrible looking idols before which people kneel petitioning those bits of wood to give them the temporal blessing which go to make up their meager happiness. The temple yard was thronged with people buying and selling bits of food, sacrifice paper, and incense.

After visiting some of the irregular attendants and hearers of the church and inviting them to the service the following day, we returned to the manse where the minister's wife was preparing another feast for us, for a meal for company is always a 'feast' in Formosa. In the evening Mr. Tan invited a neighbor girl to bring her sharp knife and a stick of pith and show us how the pith is cut into thin paperlike strips.

Sunday was a busy day. At nine o'clock the Sunday School children gathered, and for thirty minutes they were drilled by the preacher in singing hymns. When this was finished the young Sunday School Superintendent stepped forward and took charge. About twelve women were present. Miss Clazie taught them the lesson of 'Christ Stilling the Waves.' The women listened attentively, almost eagerly. After Sunday School the morning service was held. A fair number were present, but one could not but wish the church were filled for in the city are many who have never heard the gospel.

At noon we had our meal in our room, but the hostess brought us a plate of delicious rice and curry. In the afternoon the women came early that they might call on us before the service. Some wished to speak to Miss Clazie privately, and others seemed curious to see our belongings. At 2 o'clock Miss Clazie spoke in the church to the women, while the preacher had a class of men in a room in the manse. After that service we walked out across the rice fields to visit a girl who was graduated from the Girl's School twelve years ago. She had recently returned with her family of five children from China, where she had been living for several years. Her children have been attending a Christian school in China. We were interested in hearing them sing some hymns in the dialect of the mainland.

Early Monday morning the family kindly helped us roll our beds and

get our luggage to the station. Two former Woman's School students were at the station to see us off and presented us with two baskets of oranges. Soon we were on our way home feeling that the week-end had been well spent. We enjoyed it and hope that some help may have been given to those whom we visited.

Please pray for the girls and women who have been in the schools here; that they may not forget what was taught to them, and that they may be living witnesses to the truth and love of our Lord Jesus Christ."

—*Miss Alma Burdick.*

Greetings and Farewells

Gwalior, India.

"We have so enjoyed having Miss MacMurchy and the other members of the Deputation with us. Our only regret was that Dr. Wilkie was so ill, necessitating a shorter stay than they had intended. It was with mingled feelings that we saw them go on the first part of the journey to the homeland. Our minds went ahead to the time when we too would be going and, for the moment, it seemed too far distant. But those thoughts were momentary—the urge and necessity of the work is too great for many home thoughts, for we see so much to be done. For the present Miss Whatling can do very little on account of weddings. It seems that in every home there is either one or two weddings. That means of course that all are busy preparing and many of the homes are closed. Weddings are so important in their lives. If only the poor wee brides had a little more happiness after.

Our school is gradually growing. We have eighteen now as boarders and four more are coming next week. That will give us a daily attendance of thirty-five." —*Miss F. Irene Stringer.*

A Far Away Patient

Fort McMurray, Alta.

"Since January 19th, I have had a patient under observation, and on the morning of February 2nd, a dear little baby boy was ushered into the world. The patient herself had a long and trying journey, having covered one hundred miles—sixty miles of a drive to the railway, and forty by train. She is a delightful model of a daughter of nature, with that beautiful simple faith and she has been an ideal patient in every way, making steady progress each day and delighted with her treatment, which is most encouraging to the nurse. It would do your heart good, and the ladies who were the kind donors of the fruit, to see how much she enjoys it, for they do not get such luxuries in the isolated spot—a Hudson's Bay Post—from which she came."

"The flooring has made a decided difference in the warmth of the hospital. To verify this I may tell you that I was able to keep delicate articles, such as eggs and milk, from freezing. My cupboard served as a sort of "warming closet" for I opened the doors to let heat in and at night closed them up with above results. One is always learning from experience.

After our beautiful period of mild weather we had a severe blizzard last Sunday (February 18th) and it has turned cold since and registered 42° below yesterday. It felt as cold to me as 50° below. Despite the blizzard I walked about four miles altogether to take baby clothes to a poor woman who had a little baby and who I had heard had only a flour bag to wrap it in. She was a native woman who lived on the bank of the river in a small log shack." —*Miss Olive Ross.*

Prayer

"HEAVENLY FATHER, we thank Thee for the care and guidance granted our Church and W.M.S. in the past, and we beseech Thee to continue to lead and prosper us. Grant that our Church may ever shine as a light to proclaim Christ Himself as the Light of the World. We entreat Thee to guide our Society in all its endeavors and especially at this time we pray for Thine aid in our national work. Bless, we pray Thee, our workers in Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Teen Age Groups, Mission Bands, the students in the Training Home, doctors, nurses, teachers, matrons, field secretaries, those who work among the strangers in our own land and those who welcome the newcomers. For each one of our 44,941 members, dear Father, we pray, claiming Thy promise through Christ our Lord. Not only for a blessing on the spoken word do we pray, but for the written words which cheer our members from sea to sea and many in lands far away. Loving Father, be with each delegate on the journey to Provincial and Council meetings. May one and all attend those meetings in the spirit of Him who lived for others and died to save us all. Grant needed health and strength for the long journey, and at the meetings wisdom, of Thy bestowing, as they consider the many problems, and grace to overcome any difficulties that may arise. Saviour Divine! be Thou in our midst to own and bless our work for Thee. Amen."

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for May

"THE ROYAL ROAD"

Hymn—"Faith of Our Fathers." *Prayer.*—(*Glad Tidings* p. 184). *Scripture Reading*—Deut. 6:4-18. *Minutes. Business. Offering. Solo. Study Topic*—Chapter II "The Royal Road." (a) What are the distinctive beliefs of Luther and Calvin? (b) What has been the attitude of the Church towards education and missions? (c) Outline the organization of the Church and her courts and the W.M.S. in a paper or by means of a chart. The *Glad Tidings* would be glad to receive original charts used in working out this or other topics. *Psalm*—"O God Our Help in Ages Past." Prayer, followed by Our Lord's Prayer, in unison.

Send for the new booklet entitled *May We Help You with the Programme on "The Royal Road"?* price 10c. It has all sorts of suggestions on the conduct of meetings and the carrying out of the study and lists of reference books.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Hints for Our Missionary Programme

AS "Heroes of our Home Lands" is now out of print, we ask those of you who may be fortunate enough to have a copy, to plan your next missionary project according to suggestions given in past issues of *Glad Tidings.* The story of "Garibaldi" will make a splendid introduction to a study of the Italians. (See also "Our Canadian Mosaic").

"Heralds of Christ who bear the King's commands,
Immortal tidings in your mortal hands,
Pass on and carry swift the news you bring
'Make straight, make straight the Highway of the King'."

How can we bring news to others unless we know some and are eager to pass it on? Leaders will welcome "The Royal Road" for its royal blue cover, its foreword, its introduction and every bit of information which it brings. It is a real "find" for programme builders, and we hope that it will not go out of print for years and years, but do not wait—buy a copy right now. Read it—first for your own pleasure and information, and then re-read the parts which appeal to you as "news" that you want to "pass

on and carry swift.'' From time to time we will be referring to it—so your group can not afford to be without a copy (price 60c.).

All girls have their heroes and heroines, many of whom, no doubt, they have learned to love through their leader. Numbered in this list we would like to see Lucy M. Baker. You will meet her first, opposite page 14, and again on pages 26 to 34. Learn the story. Let us begin a series of ''Women we should know,'' by an evening with Lucy Baker.

PROGRAMME

Business. Worship.—Call to worship in unison, *e.g.,* Ps. 23 or Ps. 121. *Silent prayer. Hymn. Scripture.*—Prov. 31:10-21 or Phil. 4:8. *Prayer.*—By leader. *The Story.*—Lucy Baker. *Discussion.*—Encourage the girls to discuss the need of women like Lucy Baker to-day, to carry the good news. Plan to help support such women. Choose other characters to study.—Joan D'Arc, Florence Nightingale, Agnes Dulmage, Dr. Caroline Macdonald, etc. ''O God, all conquering. This lower earth would be for girls the blest abode of mirth. If they were strong in Thee.''

Presbyterian Leaders' Association Formed

On March 24th, the Presbyterian Leaders' Association came into being at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Their aim is to bring together the teachers and leaders of girls within the Presbyterial for fellowship, inspiration, and leadership training. Miss Waters of Riverdale Church, is the chairman, and Miss Lindsay, Dovercourt Road, the secretary. Initial plans were made for a camp at Holiday House, June 22nd-29th. Miss Ruth Buchanan, the guest and chief speaker of the occasion lured us into unknown paths in India, and left us longing to follow on and on — and on.

Would it not be a good idea, if in discussing possible group names we tried to choose a name that would really mean something to the casual on-looker? Many of us have Indian names, which may have a real inspiring meaning for us, but without interpretation, are meaningless to others. Let us keep this in mind, and be on the alert for suitable names to suggest to our groups when we re-organize next September.

A newly organized Sabbath School class in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, reports thirty members with an average attendance of fifteen, meeting twice a month for worship, business, and sewing. Their name is ''George MacKay,'' and their motto ''Service.''

Affiliated Groups: ''Maitland'' C.G.I.T., Auburn; C.G.I.T. Group, Knox Ch., Windsor; ''Merry Makers'' Group, and ''Ouissa Joy-Girls'' of Central Presbyterian Ch., Galt.

MISSION BANDS

For Mother's Day

The above picture shows the members of the Mission Band of the Presbyterian Church, Brussels, Ont., who last year under the leadership of Mrs. Farler, sold $50.00 worth of carnations for Mother's Day. The photo was sent to the *Glad Tidings* in the hope that it might suggest the idea to others for this year's Mother's Day programme in Mission Band Work.

A Talk on Mission Bands

MRS. H. C. MCKELLAR, HAMILTON

Reasons for Meeting. In considering the reasons for holding a Mission Band meeting there are two pictures which every Band leader should keep in mind. The first is, Christ on the cross—the Life Giver and Sin Bearer—our Saviour, looking up to His Father and saying, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." The second is, Christ risen from the dead, and giving His last command to His disciples in the mountains of Galilee: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The stories represented by these pictures should be told to the children. The smallest child coming to the Mission Band can be led to understand their meaning and the honor it is to be co-workers with Christ.

Leadership. Are we at Sunday school and missionary convention over-emphasizing the note of efficiency and trained leadership? Are we frightening away the ordinary commonplace young women possessing talent that, willingly given in the Master's service, would increase one hundred fold? There is reason to fear that the words, efficiency and training, while meritorious up to a certain point, are a little over-emphasized.

One of the greatest leaders and teachers in New Testament history had two outstanding characteristics that all should cultivate. They were, humility, and confidence in his work. His humility was beautifully illustrated in these words: "He must increase, but I must decrease. He it is who, coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe latchet I am not worthy to unloose." His confidence in his work is shown by his declarations: "And I saw and bare record that this is the Son of God," and the other, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." These qualities under the guidance of the Holy Spirit will make for efficiency in work.

A leader should realize that it is not a duty but a great privilege to work with the Master. Spreading the gospel and character building are the great privileges of Mission Band leaders, and the fruits thereof their reward. Another note that should be emphasized is *willingness.* One volunteer filled with the Holy Spirit is worth twenty-five efficiently trained conscripts. When looking for leaders pray first, then ask for volunteers, and the result will be surprising.

Duties of a Leader. A leader should, if possible, be a member of the Auxiliary and also of the Executive and attend these meetings. She would thus be kept in touch with current events, hear good addresses, and so prepare herself for her Mission Band work. She should realize that the Band is not a one woman affair. "I, even I only, am left." We read in the Bible that God had used Elijah in a remarkable way to turn the hearts of the people back to Jehovah; but when Elijah still persisted in his "I only am left" attitude, God set him aside, declaring that He had still seven thousand left in Israel that had never compromised or bowed the knee to Baal. The cry should not be "I only I", but "Not I but Christ".

A leader must look for co-operation, she must watch for talent among the children and use it. Get even the little ones to do what they can, and make them feel that it is *their* work.

Co-Operation of Parents. If the parents realize that it is not what the children give to the Mission Band that counts most for them, but what the Band gives the children, there would be no difficulty in obtaining their co-operation. Strive to impress on the mothers of to-day the need there is for Mission Bands, and the types of children found there—dear

little folks with their clean, shining, happy faces, being taught healthy and educative lessons, and interesting and appealing work.

Meetings—Mission Study. The tendency of the day is towards amusements, and the Churches at times seem to be trying to out-rival the world in planning attractive entertainments. While not depreciating the social side of church life, let us not forget that the church is the house of God, and that we come there to worship Him, to learn of His work and goodness, and to give as He has prospered us.

The business part of the programme should be carefully carried out, this training is most valuable for the children. The singing should be bright, the story should be simple, and its points carefully explained in language which the youngest member can understand. The prayers should be reverent, the scripture lesson should be carefully chosen, and given to the children for reading practice, at least a week ahead.

Work Meeting. The work meeting can be more informal. It is here that you get to know the children and gain their confidence. It also gives the leader a chance to interest the children in the work by telling where it is going when finished and the uses to which it will be put. Every opportunity should be grasped to develop object lessons for the mental benefit of the children.

Parties. Give parties occasionally. Have as much good wholesome fun as you can! Play with the little folks! A picnic or two in the summer time is splendid. It is surprising how you get to know the children at these gatherings.

Givings. Impress on the little ones the value of giving; the value of a penny in Christ's hands; what He thought of the widow's mite. The sacrificial penny should be kept before the minds of the children; self-denial meaning more in the Master's eyes than the abundance brought in with no sacrifice. Always repeat the W.M.S. motto—"The world for Christ," and explain our share in the work.

Things to Avoid. Precedent may be very useful and an easy task-master, but it does not promote originality. Ruts are made deeper by following them. To get into a rut soon kills the spirit of a Band. So change the programmes; get outside speakers occasionally; give a special invitation to the Auxiliary members to visit the Band.

The need for missionaries is being stressed. Think! Mission Band leader, what potential material you have in the youth of our churches which it is your privilege to develop. What a glorious reward it will be for you to know that your talent has been used of God to bring forth a rich harvest for the betterment of humanity, and the furtherance of the kingdom of God.

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ALBERTA

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THE fourteenth annual meeting of the Alberta Provincial Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in Grace Church, Calgary, April 4th and 5th.

The Interdenominational Prayer meeting was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, this year. A splendid programme was arranged and the meeting was well represented by the various city congregations. There was a good attendance. The interest is widening, and the spiritual tone was inspiring.

Some new sets of slides have been received and are available on application to Mrs. R. S. Gibson, 317-38 Ave. West, Calgary. One set of 87 slides shows W.M.S. work from coast to coast in Canada; the Bhil field, Gwalior and Formosa missions; China, British Guiana, the Moslem world, and Dr. Caroline Macdonald's work in Japan. Another set just received is on British Guiana, the pictures having been taken by Mrs. McKerroll, President of the W.M.S., on her recent visit to that country. A lecturette accompanies each box of slides, the whole giving an educative and interesting entertainment. The only expense is the cost of express each way.

A typographical error last issue made the value of supplies sent out by Edmonton Presbyterial $272.50, instead of $382.50.

Mrs. J. D. Wallace and Mrs. Jas. Watson were appointed delegates to represent Edmonton Presbyterial at the Provincial meeting in Calgary.

The Ladies Aid of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, sent six quilts to the Vegreville School Homes, and Rev. Mr. Glowa, of the Edmonton Broom factory, donated a supply of brooms and brushes.

Vermilion M.B. of 7 members, has had five meetings, and a new Band of younger girls is to be organized shortly.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. Robb Sutherland, 2145 Stephens St., Vancouver, Press Secretary

THE World Day of Prayer was held this year in First Baptist Church, Vancouver, with Mrs. Henry Pillar, Provincial President of the Presbyterian W.M.S., presiding. Mrs. Wm. Patterson, of West Point Grey, and Mrs. W. R. Thomson, of Kerrisdale Church, represented the Presbyterians on the programme, taking the prayers for Japan and

Moslem women. Mrs. W. J. White was our representative on the committee of arrangements.

Westminster P.S. held its annual meeting in the new Mount Pleasant Church, the President, Mrs. James Herd, presiding. A large number of ladies attended the meetings, all the Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial being represented. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Thomson, reported a total membership of 1,151. This number includes 19 Auxiliaries, 4 Y. W. Auxiliaries, 16 Mission Bands and 9 Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups.

Departmental reports showed that *Glad Tidings* had almost 500 subscribers. Supply Secretary reported bales of goods shipped to the hospital and school home at Vegreville, Alta.; Christmas gifts to the Chinese Mission; fancy bags to Dr. Caroline Macdonald's factory girls in Tokyo and quilts to Fort McMurray hospital, Alta.

The Welcome and Welfare Secretary reported a great many visits made to newcomers and assistance given to needy families. The Library Secretary reported thousands of magazines, Sunday School papers and books sent to hospitals, libraries to groups in the interior, current magazines subscribed for the Scandinavian Mission and parcels of literature forwarded to camps in British Columbia.

The Home Helpers showed an increase. Thirty-three Home Helpers joined the Auxiliaries during the year.

The meetings throughout were characterized by zeal and devotion and, as the President remarked in her address, "We have our times of anxiety and times of hopefulness, but through all these changes the faithful trust and zeal of the membership has continued steadfast."

Changes in Secretaries: Library--Mrs. D. L. Oliver; Welcome and Welfare—Mrs. R. J. Douglas.

The ladies of Mount Pleasant Church served a delightful luncheon and the Presbyterial ladies were hostesses at the high tea when more than two hundred delegates and friends were guests.

Victoria P.S.—A new suggestion for solving the problem of city churches holding Mission Band meetings, is to hold district Mission Bands at some home in or near the district, as, often mothers will not let the children go to the city churches unless an older member takes care of them. So an effort to have a few Mission Band meetings in private homes is to be tried out.

The Chinese W.M.S. have made and donated nine bags for the use of Bible women, to be sent overseas for missionary purposes.

MANITOBA

MRS. A. G. McDONALD, BRANDON, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

THE annual meeting of Manitoba Provincial Society was held in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, on March 27th and 28th. Mrs. Hutchison, the President, in the chair.

The meetings were largely attended, and all reports were very satisfactory.

MRS. J. C. HOWEY

Designated as a Deaconess at the Winnipeg Presbyterial meeting in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, February 21st.

The President in her address prayed that we have an enlarged vision of the fields white to harvest and be guided wisely and prove worthy.

Mrs. Cadwell presided over the conference.

Mrs. MacInnes, Corresponding Secretary, said we had saved our Church for the children, now we must save our children for the Church.

Mrs. McGee paid tribute to the whole-hearted, loyal work of our ladies.

Mrs. H. B. Currie gave an interesting and informing address on Indian work. She said our aim was to train the Indians, to be self-supporting. They are spending more money in improving their farms. One hundred new homes have taken the place of the mud-roofed shacks. The medicine man is almost a thing of the past. Our two Indian Schools, Birtle and "Cecilia Jeffrey" are doing well.

Mrs. H. Sellars spoke on Easter and its significance.

Mrs. J. J. Cowan, Mission Band Secretary, stated that on the early training of our children depends the future of our missions. There needs to be home religion, family prayer and Bible study.

Mrs. Johnston welcomed the delegates and Mrs. R. Paterson, of Brandon, replied.

At the evening meeting the devotional service was taken by Rev. J. Ralston, Moderator of Synod. Greetings from the Synod were brought by Rev. D. Johnstone.

A beautiful address was given by Miss Pelton, who was present at the laying of the foundation stone of the Church, and was now filled

with awe at speaking in the completed edifice. Her message was based on the parable of the loaves and fishes. The people were fainting for food and their need was supplied by the boy's lunch made great in the hands of the Master.

A splendid address on Latin America was given by Rev. N. W. Taylor, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. He told many stories of South America which went to the hearts of his hearers—stories which proved the saving power of Christ.

Rev. N. McEachern spoke briefly and closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Wheeler stated that there were 40 members in the Girls Friendly Club. This club was begun in the home of Mrs. Payne.

Mrs. McDonald, Home Helpers Secretary, gave good reports of Norwood, Selkirk, First Church, St. James' and St. John's.

Mrs. Payne, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, has overtaken a great amount of work.

Mrs. Leckie, Press Secretary, stated that more than one hundred items on our work had been inserted in our local press and *Glad Tidings.*

Mrs. Leslie gave an encouraging report of Life Memberships.

A very fine address was given by Mrs. J. M. Dick on "Consecrated Women." Many women of note were mentioned and the thought emphasized that only when the gospel enters our homes do we rise to the highest.

At luncheon, Miss A. McDonald, who had attended the Student Volunteer Convention, in Detroit, told of that great gathering, the outstanding speakers, the need of adopting a friendly attitude toward people of other lands and races, and evincing a willingness to co-operate with the native Christians in spreading the gospel.

Miss Pelton spoke on "Power"; Mrs. Connell on books, and exchange; Mrs. Rorke on Literature; Mrs. W. J. Martin on Supplies and Mrs. Cadwell, on Mission Bands.

The resolutions were presented by Mrs. Yuill. The installation prayer was offered by Mrs. Mathieson. The closing words were given by Mrs. J. L. Cowie, Carberry, followed by prayer by Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Brandon. Inspired to new and greater effort for the year to come, and leaving a record of splendid achievements for the past year the annual meeting closed.

Changes in Secretaries are: Recording—Mrs. H. Cross; Welcome and Welfare—Mrs. F. Owen Hughes; Literature—Mrs. G. Reynolds; Mission Bands—Mrs. J. W. Cowan; Y. P. & C.G.I.T.—Mrs. Huntley; Press—Mrs. A. G. McDonald, Brandon. —*Mrs. George Leckie.*

An Outstanding Missionary Worker

IT was with deep regret that the members of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, said farewell to Mrs. Jas. Henderson, who leaves shortly to take up her residence in Saskatchewan. She will be greatly missed in all church circles, where she has been an untiring worker, especially since the re-organization of the congregation. Being a true daughter of her mother, Mrs. Donald McEwan, who organized the first Brandon Presbyterial, she has always taken a deep interest in missionary work, and is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Provincial, Corresponding Secretary of the Brandon Presbyterial, and since the first of the year, has most ably and acceptably filled the position of President of the local Society. At the close of the March meeting Mrs. Henderson was presented with a pullman travelling box by the members as a slight token of appreciation.

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

The Late Mrs. H. F. Thomas

THE Provincial Board wish to record their deep sense of loss in the death on April 13th, of Mrs. Herbert F. Thomas, whose husband is the minister of Todmorden Presbyterian Church. By all those associated with the late Mrs. Thomas through long years of service in the W.M.S., as Provincial Supply Secretary since 1925, and previously Costume Secretary of Toronto Presbyterial, she was greatly beloved. Her loyal devotion to the duties of her arduous office won for her universal regard, and her attractive personality always added much to the interest of her reports. Our sympathy is extended to her husband and family and to the congregation who organized the "Anna Thomas" W.M.S. Auxiliary.

Toronto P.S.—The invitation of the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, King Street, Toronto, to join with them at their Easter Thankoffering meeting, on April 16th, in a welcome home to Mrs. Daniel Strachan and Miss Bessie MacMurchy, was gladly accepted by all the city Auxiliaries.

The pride of the President that two of her members had been found worthy by our General Assembly to be sent as their representatives to the mission fields of the far East and her thankfulness for their safe return, were shared by many hundreds who claimed them as fellow members of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

It was an unforgettable experience. Our representatives, with the

power and authority gained by personal knowledge, sketched for us such an intimate picture of Japan, Manchuria, Korea, Formosa, India—names to conjure with. Their pilgrimage has, for us, annihilated distance. As though illumined by a great searchlight, our ravished eyes gaze upon our mission fields, no longer far away, manned by heroic men and women, faithful, efficient, hopeful, successful. And we can hear distinctly too. Hark! Massed voices are singing on the other side of the earth, "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!"

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, The "Manse", Beauharnois, Press Secretary

Provincial Board Meeting

A LARGELY attended meeting of the Quebec Provincial Board was held in Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, on March 20th. Five delegates from Sherbrooke were among those present, representing the Quebec Presbyterial as well as several from the Montreal Presbyterial. This Board meeting took the place of the regular Provincial annual meeting and was presided over by the President, Mrs. I. C. Sharp. Mrs. Owen Campbell conducted the devotional exercises. At the afternoon session these were led by Mrs. McKelvie and Mrs. Gilson of Sherbrooke.

The Recording Secretary, Miss M. J. Metcalfe, presented the fourteenth annual report as follows, "In our Provincial Society we have two Presbyterials with 49 Auxiliaries, 35 in Montreal P.S., an increase of 2; and 14 in Quebec P.S.; with a membership of 1,616, an increase of 98. Home Helpers number 870, an increase of 14; Y. W. Auxiliaries, 16, with 270 members, an increase of 89; 16 groups of teen-age girls numbering 188, an increase of 63; and 25 Mission Bands, with a membership of 771, an increase of 17, the total membership of our Society being 3,715, an increase of 288.

The Supply Department reported decided increase in value of new supplies and money. The offerings from Home Helpers have been much larger than in previous years and the Thank-offering was 50 per cent. over last year. Total givings have increased by almost $4,000. *Glad Tidings* subscriptions show an increase of 483 subscribers.

Quebec P.S. reported the formation of two new Auxiliaries which enabled them to reach their allocation. Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, who visited this Province, giving great assistance in organizing and also in stimulating and encouraging existing organizations says, 'The greatest need in the Quebec Presbytery is ministers. There are 12 charges with 22 preaching stations and only 5 ordained ministers.' What beacons our 14 Auxiliaries must be in this large territory with its

scattered Protestant population. It is noteworthy that this Presbyterial has sent two young women to our Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and that three of her young men are preparing for the ministry.

With our eyes bent upon our great need in the homeland, during the past two years, we were in danger of forgetting our work abroad, but our hearts were warmed and our interest renewed by the visit of Mrs. McKerroll on her return from British Guiana and by the opportunity we have had of meeting an unusual number of out-going missionaries. With statistics in every department showing an increase, and with enthusiasm and energy unparalleled in our history as a W.M.S., we look forward with courage and optimism to the future.''

The Treasurer, Miss C. E. Cameron, expressed the hope that in future, the Provincial might occasionally meet elsewhere than in Montreal. She also referred to the fact that no use had yet been made of the grant of fifty dollars for French work. The meeting agreed that a sum not to exceed one and one-quarter per cent. of the funds be set aside as our expense fund.

The afternoon session was devoted to our workers in Montreal city. Miss MacArthur spoke of the large number of non-British immigrants with their national prejudices and superiority complexes that are cared for by the Welcome and Welfare department, while her associate, Miss Munro, mentioned the importance of the follow-up work and the numerous visits entailed in tracing individuals and families. Miss Reid told of her work among the seventy Chinese women under her care whom she visits periodically. They are found in Kingston, Gananoque, Smith's Falls and Ottawa as well as in Montreal. They appreciate any little gifts given to them especially red mitts and red scarves, red being the favorite color. She mentioned the need of cars to take the women to and from the meetings. Their bound feet made it impossible for them to get out otherwise. Of course the children are taken along too. Surely this is an opportunity for some young women to serve in this department.

Miss Murray in her report of work at Tyndale House paid a great tribute to the volunteer workers.

A pleasing feature was the announcement that the School Home at Huntingdon would be ready to accommodate 25 pupils, 11 girls and 14 boys, next September. This Home is a three storey frame building situated conveniently to the academy and church. Mrs. Gouldthorpe, the Superintendent, was introduced to the Board.

Changes in Secretaries are: Young Women's—Mrs. Gillies, Montreal; Girls' Secretary—Mrs. F. S. McKenzie, Montreal.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

REGINA—At our regular monthly meeting in March, we were pleased to have with us Mrs. Parker from Nokomis and Mrs. Grey from Govan. Mrs. Grey is our Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary. She gave a short résumé of her work.

We are sorry to lose from our midst and particularly from our W.M.S. Mrs. George Bell, Sr. The W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid presented Mrs. Bell with an umbrella as a slight token of appreciation of her work among us. Mrs. Bell has gone to reside in Vancouver.

Saskatoon—Parkview. At our February meeting Mr. B. F. Johnston, Superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School van, gave a very encouraging report of his work throughout the province. Twenty Sunday Schools have been organized, 900 club papers had been sent to workers besides other assistance, 97 added to the cradle roll. Mrs. J. Peters gave a brief outline of the Presbyterian Convention which was held in Regina in January. At our March meeting Miss Pelton chose as her topic "The Visible and Invisible Worker in the Missionary Society," Miss Pelton is a great stimulus to us. She not only encourages but promotes in us a great desire to give our very best to the missionary cause.

The women's organizations of the Saskatoon churches gathered in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, February 24th, to observe the annual World Day of Prayer for missions. Mrs. G. W. Brown presided assisted by ladies from all the different churches.

Saskatoon P.S.—Coleville reports several new members and hopes for a very successful year.

Tisdale reports Ladies' Aid, W.M.S., Mission Band, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts all very active. They have built a new church which seats two hundred. They have reason to be very proud of their efforts. The young people have been most generous in their donations—Bible, collection plates, etc.

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In Loving Memory of:

Mrs. J. M. Nicol, wife of Rev. J. M. Nicol, Knox Ch. Aux., Listowel; Mrs. Cheatley, by her son, Mr. Joseph Cheatley, St. Andrew's Aux., Hamilton; Alice Elliott Thompson, by her mother, Mrs. Andrew Elliott, Knox Ch. Aux., Galt.

A Correction.—From January *Glad Tidings*—In Memoriam Subscriptions were given for both Mrs. Daniel McFarlane and Mrs. Robert Duffin by St. James Aux., Thamesville.

Saskatchewan Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. Jane Ross, Arlington Beach Aux.; Mrs. Margaret Cameron of Sovereign, Sask., through St. Andrew's Aux., Saskatoon.

A Correction.—From December *Glad Tidings* should be Mrs. Alice Lillian Steeves, Nokomis Aux.

Entered into Rest

POLLOCK.—At Whitechurch, on March 13th, Margaret Mabel Welsh, beloved wife of Rev. John Pollock, and President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary and a Life Member of the Society.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

British Columbia

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S.—"Sunshine" M.B., Kamloops.

Westminster P.S.—Knox Ch. M.B., New Westminster; Dunn Memorial Ch. M.B., Mt. Lehman.

Ontario

Barrie P.S.—"The Cameron Band," Beeton.

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Ottawa P.S.—"Fowler" M.B., Fort Coulounge.

Toronto P.S.—"Willing Workers" Y. W. Aux., Calvin Ch., Toronto; "Caroline Macdonald" Y.W. Aux., Morningside Ch., Toronto; "Melville" M.B., West Hill; Lansing M.B.

Quebec

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Organization	435.65
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Deputation Work	628.75
Administration	625.82
	$11,878.46

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Balance on hand, February 29th, 1928	$82.569.30	
Receipts	4,440.83	
Disbursements		$11,878.46
Bank Balance		28,360.82
Pension Fund		11,229.70
Sustaining Fund		30,498.43
Legacy Fund		3,925.61
Victory Bond		1,000.00
Cash on hand		117.11
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"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

AS THIS NUMBER of the *Glad Tidings* goes to press our thoughts naturally turn to the Council meeting so near at hand and we do pray that the gathering will fulfil our highest hopes. We at headquarters have been planning long and earnestly, and the ladies in British Columbia have done their utmost to make this Council the best in a long history of great gatherings. Because of the distance from headquarters to Vancouver, it has not been easy to make arrangements, but there has been such a splendid spirit of co-operation that every difficulty has found a solution. The programme, as planned, promises to be both helpful and inspiring.

WE UNITE WITH THEIR FRIENDS all over Canada in saying "Welcome Home" to Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan of the Bhil Field, India. Forty years among the aborigines of India and the Indian mountains is an enviable service. This is the record of these honored and beloved missionaries of our Church. Miss Ruth Buchanan, the talented daughter of gifted parents, returned earlier in the year after giving sixteen months service among the beloved Bhils. Victoria and Chalmers Churches, Toronto, have in Sabbath services and week night reception given official expression to the respect and affection in which these missionaries are held.

THE BUSIEST PEOPLE always seem to have time to do one thing more. This applies to our beloved South China missionary, Dr. Jessie A. MacBean, who kindly sent us some facts prepared by the publicity committee of the American Presbyterian Mission for their members to send home. As a postscript to these notes Dr. MacBean writes: "Am very busy this week as my two assistants are away—as usual that is the time our department is booming."

THE FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK convened in the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, on April 24th. Some 700 delegates representing 114 Societies were in attendance. The delegates who came from all over Canada, a few from the United States, represented all Societies doing Social Service work—Protestants of all denominations, Jews and Roman Catholics, both French and English priests, and nuns in the quaint

garb of their order. There were a great many groups and conferences, and at all these, excellent papers were given by those qualified to do so. The round table conference on immigration claimed the attention of our W.M.S. workers, four of whom were present: Miss Scott of Quebec; Miss Macarthur, Miss I. Munro, Miss Jenkinson of Montreal. Miss Davidson, representing the Council Executive, writes of the interest and benefit gained from the gathering.

AN HISTORICAL SKETCH of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church at Teeswater has just been published. It is entitled "After Fifty Years" and is a very interesting and attractive souvenir. Knowing the difficulties that have beset those who have attempted to gather accurate information of events which took place fifty and sixty years ago, we would take this opportunity of advising our Auxiliaries to gather together *now* the historical data of their Society so that when the Jubilee year comes the material will be available for the press, and, if so desired, for publication.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL HOME, SASKATOON, would like to acknowledge through the *Glad Tidings* two gifts: a year's subscription to the *Western Home Monthly* from Mrs. C. McCulloch, and *McCall's* magazine for a year from Mrs. Thos. Findlay. The notices were sent by the publishers but no addresses were given and the Superintendent has had to resort to the *Glad Tidings* to inform the kind donors that their gifts are greatly appreciated.

WE REPORT THE APPOINTMENT of two new members to the Council Executive, Mrs. Thos. Findlay and Mrs. C. S. McDonald, both of Toronto. We are looking forward to great help from these new members. Mrs. McDonald has the advantage of knowing our overseas work, having accompanied her husband when he visited the mission fields recently as a member of the Assembly's Delegation.

OUR DEEP SYMPATHY is extended to Miss Gertrude Scott, of our Chinese Mission, Victoria, who suffered the loss of her father, on April 29th.

THIS YEAR THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL will appear in the September issue of the *Glad Tidings* instead of the July-August as is customary. The Council Executive insist that the Editor be freed from all work and responsibility during her vacation, and have arranged that the July-August number shall be brought out by Miss Jean MacMurchy, who has

been assisting the Editor for some time. She will also have charge of the tabulated section of the annual report. We bespeak for this young Secretary every help and consideration.

WE WOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY of thanking those who have so kindly supplied our book-cases with files of former W.M.S. reports, magazines, study books and leaflets. If any member possesses a copy of "The Life of Lucy M. Baker" which she would part with, we would be very glad to receive it.

AS THE PRESENT OFFICES occupied by the W.M.S. will not be available after July 31st, the building having been sold, and as there will be certain confusion incident on the change, we would ask that those desiring supplies of literature will send their orders before July 15th.

ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE that the International Union of Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, will be held in Boston in June, 1929, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church North of the U.S.A. This will be the ninth Conference. The eighth met in Cardiff in 1925.

MISS BESSIE MACMURCHY, Corresponding and International Secretary of the W.M.S., asks that from now on all letters be sent to her home address, 122 South Drive, Toronto, instead of to the office.

MISS DOROTHY JENKINSON, student deaconess, under our W.M.S., has commenced work in Montreal.

When Thou Prayest

REMEMBER:

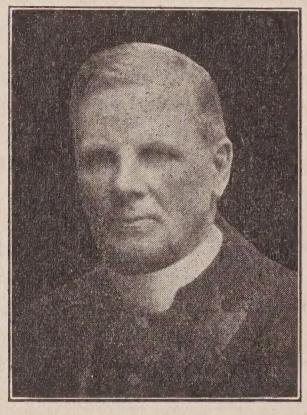
Our Overseas Missions—British Guiana, Formosa, India, Japan, China, Christian literature in foreign lands—and pray that the missionaries may be always conscious of the keeping power of God, and be so indwelt by the Holy Spirit that men and women shall be convicted of sin, and brought to a knowledge of Christ; that they may be kept in health and strength; that the spoken and written word may go forth with power, and that hearts may be prepared to receive it.

The Late John Wilkie, D.D.

A Beloved Missionary of our Church

THE word of the sudden death at sea of the Rev. John Wilkie, D.D., of Gwalior, India, on his way home to Canada, brought a sense of personal loss to every member of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by whom this valiant-hearted missionary was held in high esteem.

Those of us who knew how slender was the cord that bound him to life were very apprehensive of the result of such a journey. But realizing that his day was drawing to a close his heart naturally turned to the homeland, and when he received the "exceedingly kind and touching cable



The Rev. John Wilkie, D.D.

Mrs. John Wilkie

from Dr. A. S. Grant," with the consent of his physician in India, arrangements were immediately set in motion for the home going. At the request of the Board of Missions, our W.M.S. nurse, Miss Lily A. Simpson, "whose presence in Jhansi had been providential" and who had been taking care of Dr. Wilkie during his illness, was asked to accompany Dr. and Mrs. Wilkie home. And so that "Father and Mother in Israel' bade farewell to "his bairns," as Dr. Wilkie called his Indian Christians, the men of the Mission whom he had organized into an Indian Christian brotherhood, and the land which had claimed their hearts for nearly half a century. Everything that human thought and human love could suggest was done for the invalid, but on April 25th, while on the Red Sea, Dr. Wilkie passed away leaving his beloved partner to walk the sunset way alone.

Dr. Wilkie was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, in 1852, and came to

Canada in 1854. In 1857 he was graduated from the University of Toronto, with the silver medal in natural science, and in 1878 completed his training in Knox College, later receiving the degree of D.D. from the Presbyterian College, Montreal. On his appointment to Formosa to help Dr. Mackay, Dr. Wilkie took a year in medicine in Edinburgh to fit himself for this work. But on his return to Canada, at the request of the Foreign Mission Committee, he accepted an appointment to India and was designated to that field in Knox Church, Guelph. In 1879 he married Miss Agnes Neilson, of Almonte, and in October 7th of that year he and Mrs. Wilkie left for India.

So rapid was his progress in language study, that in six months he was able to preach in the native tongue and from that time he threw himself into every phase of work in India—evangelistic, educational, industrial, medical. Like all men of vision he knew the bitterness of opposition and persecution. But both in Indore where he labored for twenty-five years, and Gwalior where he served till his death, there stands as a product of his brain and hands—a college, schools, a hospital and bungalows—but greater than the things which are made with hands is the assurance that he has gone into the world of light, and that those who are carrying on his work have already reaped and will reap his years of sowing, and meet the answer to his prayers in those whose lives have been redeemed.

In 1925 Dr. Wilkie paid a visit to Canada and no member of the Council Executive will ever forget the message he brought them and the valuable advice he gave. It is no exaggeration to say that no soldier of the Cross ever received a warmer welcome or was more truly honored in the great and unforgettable meetings of June, 1925, than Dr. John Wilkie of Gwalior.

To his widow and the immediate members of his family we offer our heartfelt sympathy, and especially to his sister, Miss H. Wilkie, who has been so faithful in the homeland to her brother and his life work.

Miss MacMurchy, who visited Gwalior this year with the Assembly's Delegation says of Mrs. Wilkie and Dr. Wilkie:

> "The Delegation were welcomed at the bungalow by Mrs. Wilkie, who is in her eightieth year, and has given a long life of service on the mission leld, often under hard and arduous circumstances, but through it all she has retained her sense of humor and kindly interest in the welfare of those around her, real kindness of heart, an intense interest in every phase of life and a serene Christianity which shows in her face."

"We were much impressed by Dr. Wilkie's strength of character, his wonderful executive ability, his tenacity of purpose which enabled him to crown with achievement any cause which he undertook, his thorough knowledge of Indian character, his great charitableness towards new Christians in their struggle in abandoning their old faith and embracing Christianity, his deep spiritual character and great consecration of life, his single aim being in all his work to fulfil the purpose of his ministry which was to bring the Indians to Christ. Dr. Wilkie was also a valuable citizen of Jhansi, taking part in all movements for the improvement and welfare of the city itself, and was universally respected and looked up to by both British and Indians alike. He was a member of the Managing Board of Ludhiana Medical College for Women. He was also a fine Sanskrit scholar and was able to hold his own in argument with Indian Sanskrit scholars and holy men. In the history of missions in India, Dr. Wilkie will always be regarded as one of the pioneers and founders of missionary effort. It was noticeable in travelling through India and coming in contact with other missions and missionaries how universally Dr. Wilkie and his work were known."—M.C.G.F.

A Prayer for Our Missionaries

(Tune St. Chrysostom)

Our Missionaries, Lord, we bring
On wings of prayer, O Saviour King:
Grant that, e'en while we humbly kneel,
They each Thy loving touch may feel.
Though far from home and kindred dear,
O may they know Thy presence near.

Where they have gone at Thy command
To distant parts of our own land:
Or where in foreign lands they roam,
Seeking to bring Thy lost ones home—
O be Thou there to bless and cheer,
To strengthen faith, to cast out fear.

When duties throng, and days seem long,
Be Thou their stay, their joy, their song;
Grant them the happiness most sweet
Of guiding sinners to Thy feet.
In times of weakness be their strength,
And crown them in Thy home at length.

—Margaret McK. MacTavish

Our Overseas Mission Work

INDIA

We are steadily, if slowly, advancing along the "India way" and have made valuable additions to the staff both at Amkhut and Gwalior. Three splendid young women were designated in 1927, Miss Isabel McConnell, nurse, Miss Marion H. Williamson, teacher, for the Bhil field, and Miss Lily A. Simpson, a nurse for Gwalior. Miss McConnell and Miss Williamson sailed with the Rev. D. E. MacDonald's party on September 3rd, but Miss Simpson only left Toronto on New Year's Day, having completed her course at the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and the Canadian School of Missions, and our prayers and high hopes accompanied her as she journeyed first to New York for a course in phonetics under Dr. Cummings and then on to India via Liverpool, sailing February 5th. The

Bhil Mission Church with Congregation at Amkhut

new missionaries arrived too late in the year to send any report of their work, though they wrote colorful descriptions of first impressions and of their keen interest in the language study which is their first duty.

We hear rumors that Miss Stringer will soon be asking for an assistant in her work at the "Helen Macdonald" Memorial School. There are nineteen boarders and sixteen day girls, and as the school grows there are many problems to face, in overcoming prejudice and fitting each girl for some special task such as nursing, teaching or becoming Bible women. Dr. Wilkie wrote most warmly of Miss Stringer's executive ability and her aptitude for teaching and training her pupils. We have estimated for a car for Miss Whatling to enable her to cover a wider area as she goes about her evangelistic work. Since she and Miss Stringer returned from the hills with a better understanding of the language Miss Whatling has been carrying on her work with absorbing interest and telling effect.

In order to be back in Amkhut in good time to greet Miss MacMurchy and the Delegation, Miss Robson slightly curtailed her furlough and arrived in India early in December to resume the duties that Miss Ruth Buchanan had so ably and acceptably carried on in her absence. The latter returned to Canada late in the year to fulfil her obligation to the Ontario Government, after fifteen months of service in India for which we record our gratitude. She tells us that there are 130 pupils on the roll, of these, 42 girls and 41 boys live in the school. Throughout the year they followed the United Provinces' curriculum, trying to conform to the Government regulations. In this way they are able to send advanced pupils on to the Scottish Presbyterian Mission Schools in Nasirabad, and the Training School in Indore. In June last, before the bigger boys and girls left for these schools, the missionaries had the deep happiness of seeing fourteen of them unite with the Church as full members. They long for the day when it will not be necessary to send them away from the Bhil country—when they may find in their own land further training for those who merit it.

Miss Maxwell writes from Sardi where she has been occupying an old bungalow belonging to the Men's Board, as we have no property there. She has been devoting herself wholeheartedly to evangelistic work, and speaks with great enthusiasm of the responsiveness of the Bhils. She says that at least two more women are needed to engage in the same type of work and quotes Dr. Buchanan as saying, "We do not want teachers, but we want evangelists, who have a mind to teach!"

FORMOSA

On January 1, 1927, all mission work in North Formosa was again assumed by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the W.M.S. gladly took up its former share. Of the eight women missionaries on the field at the beginning of the year six remained at the close. Dr. Flora Gauld resigned in March, returning to Canada to be married, and in December, Miss Adair joined the South Formosan Mission. In October two new missionaries reached the field—Miss Alma Burdick, a teacher and evangelist, and Miss Ada Adams, a kindergarten teacher. Both were warmly welcomed and were soon hard at work studying the language. Late in the year Miss Jean Cummings, a nurse, was designated to Formosa and arrangements were made to send her out in February. During the year steady faithful service has been given by all our workers, from Mrs. Gauld, our well-beloved senior missionary, to the youngest Bible woman. Nor must the wives of the missionaries be forgotten for their voluntary help has been great.

The Girls' School under Miss Kinney and Miss Clazie celebrated its twentieth anniversary in October. This took the form of a public ceremony

attended by Government representatives and many native friends of the school. The old pupils made a gift of $500, which represented much self-sacrifice. The interest from this fund will provide new books for the school library. The purely Christian work in the school has been encouraging. Many of the girls help in Sunday Schools and three of the graduating class went right into Christian work, two as teachers in our kindergartens and one, after doing country work with a Bible woman, became the language teacher for one of our new missionaries.

Miss Connell reports a satisfactory year's work in the Women's School, with forty-five different women and girls attending for one or more terms. Some came to prepare for definite Christian work but more

Kindergarten, Manka, Formosa

were from non-Christian homes. All study Romanized colloquial and most of them learn thus to read their Bibles and hymn books.

The kindergartens in connection with the Bangkah and Daitotei Churches have been well attended and plans are under way to open one before long at Soren Church. Shortly after her arrival Miss Adams was able, through an interpreter, to plan out the work each week for the native teachers, who are all graduates of the Girls' School. All have done splendid work, the more remarkable as only one had had any regular kindergarten training. The kindergarten children with others form the beginners' department on Sundays, and this is a very promising field. Through these children many non-Christian homes can be reached.

Our two nurses in the "Mackay" Memorial Hospital, Miss Senior and Miss Gretta Gauld, assisted by Mrs. Gushue-Taylor, have had a busy year. One item in their report, that of having given one hundred and one general anæsthetics is sufficient alone to show that. There is accommodation

for sixteen native nurses in training and though that number was maintained none as yet have been allowed by their parents to delay marriage long enough to be graduated. All these young nurses are Christians and though not equal to foreign nurses prove themselves very diligent and trustworthy. One of their duties is to assist in giving treatments at the leper clinics twice a week.

Throughout the year Miss Adair planned and directed the work of ten Bible women. Three of these were supported by the Formosan W.M.S. of which Mrs. Koa, our special worker, is President. Some two hundred women attended its splendidly conducted annual meeting in November. Besides the usual visiting, and teaching in connection with the hospital, city churches, and a street chapel, extended visits were paid to fifteen country churches. In these places evangelistic meetings were addressed, classes taught and much time spent in personal visits and teaching. A few wholly non-Christian centres were also visited. Only the fringes of this purely evangelistic work have been touched as yet, but the results are good. We look for a rich harvest in this work when more evangelists are ready to take it up.

MANCHURIA CHINA

Our North China missionaries are rejoicing over their first year's work in, what they firmly believe to be, their God given field—Manchuria. A new railway 350 miles long has opened up the country and thousands of refugees from war-stricken China are flocking to the north. In all this vast area there is not one missionary. The Irish and Scotch Presbyterian Mission who have invited the Presbyterian Church in Canada to join them in evangelizing this vast territory, have had a few scattered Chinese workers, but have gladly turned the work of this section all over to us. Dr. Goforth says, "In it are about one dozen cities with populations of from ten to seventy thousand. The climate is very similar to our Canadian Northwest, and the population at present perhaps equals that of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta!"

Early in February, 1927, Dr. Goforth and Mr. Reoch went to view the field. While there the Manchurian Railway presented them with a piece of ground on which to build a mission house. Better still, they had the opportunity of renting a building on the most strategic corner of the city, crossing the two main streets. In one of Mrs. Goforth's letters she says, "When sitting at the organ in the chapel, I have counted over two hundred heavily laden grain carts pass in one single hour. Often the drivers come in, to listen. To those who can read and who seem interested, a New Testament and some carefully selected tracts are given."

In April, 1927, our ladies all moved to Szepingkai. Prior to this, they had been helping other Missions. Great was the joy when after the visit

of the Delegation sent out by the Church last autumn, they were told that the Presbyterian Church in Canada approved of this new field! Manchuria is not at war, and whilst there has been danger near them they have never had to cease their work. Great success has crowned their efforts from the very first.

Miss Graham writes, "We are in the midst of intensive soul-winning. The preaching goes on in the chapel for at least seven hours a day. Every day a fine number come to hear. Some sit for hours. The liberty to stay long or short, gives many an opportunity to hear a little. Had I the opportunity of broadcasting a message to the churches of God throughout the world, I would say with all the intensity possible, 'Pray, oh, do, *do* pray. We need it here'." Then she adds, "We have had hundreds of decisions. Miss Graham takes turns with Dr. Goforth in speaking in the

Our Mission Home at Szepingkai

chapel daily. There are so many coming and going. One knows they have never heard of the Saviour from sin and sorrow and one also knows, this may be the only time they ever *will* hear. How one wishes that some of the hundreds of missionaries shut up in Shanghai away from their own fields, because of war conditions, could be borrowed from the China Inland Mission for six months this summer and go to help them. How tragic it seems that men and women with the Mandarin language, should be praying for an opportunity to give out of their own rich experiences, and these millions of souls in the north have no one to tell them. Miss Young of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and sister of our Mr. Young, of Kobe, Japan, has been loaned by that Mission temporarily and great is the rejoicing. Miss Young has gone with Dr. and Mrs. Goforth to open up work in the city of Toanan."

Miss Kok spends almost all her time visiting in the homes in Szepingkai. Only in this way can the women be reached. She is given a wondrous

welcome, and says the thirst for the truth is so great, that it is a delight to minister to them.

All our workers tell us that never before have they met with such whole-hearted response to the message of life. When Miss Graham and Miss Kok go out for exercise, they go laden with tracts in Japanese, Korean, Chinese and Russian. Coming home, they find people waiting for them, hoping to get one, but alas, their hands are empty. Is there a challenge to the Church at home to pray for those who have only had one tract in their lives?

SOUTH CHINA

The only work that the W.M.S. carries on in South China is done in Hackett Medical College, Canton, through the support of Dr. Jessie MacBean. This is an interdenominational college for women and Dr. MacBean's work here consists in training Chinese girls as nurses to help meet the great medical need of China. The W.M.S. pays her salary and gives a grant towards her work. Dr. MacBean returned from furlough in the fall of 1927. Hackett Medical College had to be closed for a time but when she got back she found it open and has been at work there ever since.

BRITISH GUIANA

The W.M.S. has assumed the salary of Miss Barlow, the Superintendent of the Girls' Training Home, New Amsterdam, Berbice. Here the girls, in addition to the usual school subjects, are taught cooking, sewing, and dressmaking. In recognition of this, the government gives special grants to the Training Home. The W.M.S. has also provided scholarships for five girls. Literature and pictures have been sent through the Library Department. The staff has been further strengthened by the appointment of Miss Cropper, as a part time evangelistic worker. It is interesting to know that some of these people came from the Gwalior district in India.

JAPAN

Dr. Caroline Macdonald's School for Factory Girls, begun in 1925, has grown so rapidly that already it has branches in six different parts of Tokyo, and in addition to the regular course, lessons in cooking, knitting, machine sewing, and study of English have been added. Religious services are held on Thursdays and Sundays at the Settlement. In classes held in one of the Government clothing factories, there is a wide choice of studies—flower arranging, ethics, etc. A doctor gives simple lectures on home nursing and first aid. One hundred and fifty-six received certificates after a six months' term. The Government loaned the large dining-room in the factory for the ceremony. Over one thousand people were present, and the Chairman of the Trustee Board presented the certificates.

In the large cotton mills in the outskirts of Tokyo, perhaps ninety per cent. of the workers are girls who are recruited from country districts. They work in day and night shifts of eleven hours each, and are lodged in dormitories within the factory precincts. Dr. Macdonald is striving to direct aright the thoughts and actions of these workers and the contact of these girls with the school is arousing them to the fact that there are spiritual values in life, of which they have, hitherto, been largely unconscious.

Every year a meeting of students and ex-students is held, and certificates presented for the year's work. This is a very important occasion for the certificates are recognized by the Government, which means a great deal in Japan. As an example of this, two former students, in writing for recommendations from the school, said that they would receive much better positions if such were forthcoming. Nothing that we do at this stage of Japan's development can be more important than this work in which the W.M.S. is co-operating, *viz.*, to give better education to girls employed in factories. Our grant of $2,000 at present covers practically all the expenses of the school and its branches.

Recently the W.M.S. broadened its activities in Japan by appointing two Bible women, graduates of the Bible Institute at Pyeng Yang, Korea, to assist Rev. Luther L. Young, missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in his evangelistic work among Koreans in Kobe.

An Evangelistic Tour in South China

Miss Avis P. Thomson

THE fall of the year is the only pleasant season in South China, therefore it is the time when missionaries try to make more trips to the country. The cool, rainy season and the hot weather last most of the year however. I have just returned from a country tour, and it was the first time that I have taken a long trip in China alone, but I had a wonderful time. Before I tell you of some of my experiences, I want to tell of a visit I had lately in the eastern part of Canton called Tungshan, where many Chinese who have been abroad have built homes. Motor-buses make regular trips from the Bund to Tungshan, and when I got off the "Canada car" as the bus is called, I saw Mr. Harry Soong, one of our Montreal Christians, who has business here now. I went with him to his home and saw his wife and eight children; Jimmie, Elizabeth and Marion having grown so tall that I think their friends in Montreal would hardly recognize them. Mr. Tsoh Woon was expecting to leave Canton the next day on his journey back to Montreal, and while I was

talking with him in the house of his two brothers, who are in Canada, I was surprised to have Mr. Hum King come in. Many years ago he was a gambler in Montreal, and later he was converted there, and so earnest was he and so strongly did the "word" grip his heart that he returned to China to carry the gospel to his own relatives and people. After studying in Canton he became a preacher and is now preaching at the important port city of the Sz Yup called Kongmoon. He had come to Canton to attend Presbyterian meetings, and made a farewell visit on his old friend, Mr. Tsoh Woon. Later on, Mr. Tsoh Woon went with me to see Mrs. Chin Nom Seng, and we had a nice visit with her, and some of her children and grandchildren. Her husband, who was formerly father's assistant in Montreal, has been preaching in Sun Ning, but went to the United States and Canada some months ago to collect money for the churches in the districts where the Chinese who go abroad come from. On the way I passed Mr. Lee Kew's shop. He always closes his shop on Sundays, although most of the others on his street are open. He had faithful teachers in Montreal Sunday Schools, and now is the oldest elder in the Presbyterian Church in the eastern part of Canton. After visiting a few other homes of Chinese who became Christians in Montreal, I saw Mr. Harry Yep standing outside of his corner shop where he sells ice cream, soft drinks, etc. His wife and four children live near by. All the Chinese I met spoke about the teachers and friends in Montreal, and always appreciate what they did for them.

Several weeks ago I saw Mr. Peter Mar leading the singing in a church in Canton. His father, Mr. Mar Seung, has been preaching for many years in Winnipeg, and Peter was born in Canada, and graduated from Manitoba University. He is now teaching in the Canton Christian College. Mr. Yee, who became a Christian in Calgary, Alberta, is studying to be a preacher, and plays the violin in that church for the hymns, while a Chinese lady, born in California, plays the organ, and Mr. Peter Mar leads the singing. One of the Chinese girls born in Montreal is Mamie Yeung, and my mother was with her mother at the time of her birth. Now Mamie is doing part of the office work in the Hackett Medical College for women in Canton, where Dr. Jessie McBean is. Last Sunday I saw Mr. Peter Hing in church. I knew him in Montreal when he studied law at McGill University. His father, Rev. Ng Mon Hing, used to go on preaching tours with my father in Sun Ning many years ago, and afterwards he went to preach in Vancouver, and later in Toronto. Peter Hing went to school in Victoria, B.C., and it is such a beautiful city that he named his eldest daughter Victoria. She is a fine girl and is a student at the True Light Seminary. Mr. Peter Hing's youngest son died a few months ago, which was a great sorrow to them.

The School of Missions as Seen by One of Its Students

Miss Dorothy Douglas

THE School of Missions is an interdenominational institution which is supported by the Boards of the participating churches, for the purpose of supplying courses of study along missionary lines for those interested in that work.

At the outset, I would like to say that I cannot speak too highly of the value of this school. It meets a very definite need both for missionaries and candidates.

The courses are arranged so that they may be taken with the least possible difficulty. They are very comprehensive and suited to the peculiar needs of missionary work. Should special instruction in any particular subject be desired by even one student, it has but to be mentioned to Dr. J. Lovell Murray, the Director, and it will be arranged.

There are always missionaries on furlough who feel the need of taking advantage of such courses. The school also provides a place where those who are interested in missionary work may foregather. It has a splendid library to which the students have access at all time.

The school is as valuable to the candidates as it is to the missionaries for nowhere else could they get what is given here. The greatest difficulty is to choose between the many good things provided, all of which we feel would be of value in our missionary training. Then, too, we also learn a great deal from association with the missionaries about the requirements of our work and how best to fit ourselves for it.

Many excellent courses have been given this year. I would like to mention a series of lectures by Dr. Taylor, of Wycliffe College, on "Christian Belief in Relation to Present Day Thinking" which gave us all a broader outlook on religion and life, also the special six weeks session held in January and February to which missionaries from all over Canada came. These courses were especially profitable. Two courses by Dr. Murray on "The History and Science of Missions" gave a new vision of the missionary enterprise. During the last two weeks of April there were special intensive courses followed by a wonderful series of lectures by Dr. Fleming of the Union Theological College, New York, which gave us food for thought and which we will not soon forget. Of untold value to all of us in learning foreign languages was the course in phonetics conducted by Dr. Cummings of the Biblical Seminary, New York.

One could not help being impressed by the willingness with which the

professors took time from their already full days to prepare and deliver the lectures. It was no small task.

There has never been a larger enrollment at the school than this year, which is very gratifying to the Director and Council. However, it has been proved that the present building is entirely inadequate for the work which it is doing. This large attendance shows how much the missionaries feel the need of such an institution and also testifies to the value of the courses available.

We are sure that the School of Missions will have much success and carry on a greater work in the future.

Prayer

"OUR Father in heaven, we approach Thee with reverence and humility, confessing our sins and asking Thy forgiveness. Baptize us afresh, we pray Thee, with Thy Holy Spirit and enable us more worthily to spread abroad the glories of Thy grace. Bless every agency which has for its aim the extension of Thy kingdom. Endue with power the Church to which we belong. Grant wisdom to the members of the General Assembly in their deliberations and decisions on the affairs committed to their trust. Remember, we pray Thee, that branch of the Church's work which has been given to the women to administer. Own and bless the service they seek to render and the gifts they lay at Thine altar. May those who have been elected to leadership in Provincials and Presbyterials be given a double portion of Thy grace. Guide us, we pray Thee in our choice of a President. May she whom Thou hast appointed to lead us be given strength of body and mind, sound judgment, and a vision of what Thou wouldst have her do. Remember in Thy tender mercy Mrs. Wilkie and the family and friends who mourn the passing of that beloved missionary of our Church, Dr. Wilkie. Grant Thy consolation to his co-workers and Indian Christians who have suffered the loss of their leader and friend. We praise Thee for the richness of his service and from our hearts entreat Thee to raise up those who will carry on the work which Thou hast called him to lay down. Remember each one of our missionaries and bless them according to their need. Forgive us of our sins and grant these our petitions in the name of Christ. Amen."

OUR LETTER BOX

The Varied Experiences of a Frontier Nurse

Fort McMurray, Alta.

"In three months I have made fifty visits, having two patients at Waterways, a distance of three and one-half miles, which I walked, to attend a lady with a severe burn on her foot. The other patient had an infected eye, and sent for me one evening just about dusk. Fortunately there was a dog team at hand, which drove me up and the drive was so picturesque. The trees were covered with frost which glittered like diamonds, and the dog teams have their own paths through the dense forests. I was sorry I could not procure a picture of the beautiful scene.

I had a maternity case in February to whom I referred in a previous letter, having come a distance of 100 miles (60 by trail and 40 by train). The said trail is only accessible by pack horses in summer, owing to muskegs, and the people at that point receive mail only once a month.

In March, I attended a maternity case at her own home as the mother was unable to leave the rest of the family to come to the hospital. I had a young man in the hospital with an acute attack of indigestion. He was in such agony, he lapsed into a state of coma. The doctor was absent at the time, but the young man responded to the treatment I administered and was able to go out next day. He was one of a number of young lads who have lately come out from Scotland to join the service of the Hudson's Bay Company and are being distributed to different points in the North. Other cases consisted of colds and slight burns."

—*Miss Olive Ross.*

Saskatoon School Home News

"Three of the girls in the School Home have united with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The course of study which has been taken up by Miss Pelton on the Sunday afternoons she was in the Home has been of great help to the girls, and created an interest which led to numerous discussions, which have cleared up many problems for some of them.

We have taken the Shorter Catechism at the evening worship, reading the questions and answers with the Bible references and a little comment along with it. The Westminster Confession of Faith has figured largely in our talks and helped prove many a difficult point in the discussions. Last Sunday was our missionary meeting and we had talks from two of the girls on the work in Formosa from 'The Royal Road,' and Lucy Baker and the work among the Indians."

—*Miss Violet Scott.*

Our Work Among Koreans in Japan

Kobe, Japan.

"The Bible woman from Pyeng Yang is doing splendid work among the Koreans here. In one of the groups she has a night school started and has about twenty-five young women in regular attendance. They are studying the Bible and the Japanese language. Some of them are beginners and are being taught how to read the Korean Bible. She spends most of the day visiting Korean homes and preaching among the women and children. The other Bible woman, Miss Pak, will graduate from the seminary in Osaka on March 20th and will begin work with us April 1st. She has been doing work in Osaka during her course and knows the situation there very well. Miss Pak's splendid knowledge of the Japanese language and customs as well as her Bible training fit her well for the work here.

Both Mrs. Ye, the Bible woman from Pyeng Yang, and Miss Pak are exceptionally fine, strong, young women. Mrs. Ye is a widow, thirty-one years of age and well trained in the Bible and in Christian experience.

We are having blessing in our work. The Koreans are always glad to have us visit them. Two new groups have been begun in the outskirts of Osaka. These little groups are lights lit by the Master Himself, lights set on a hill in the midst of some of the blackest darkness I have yet seen. We could have them in every centre where there are Koreans if we had more evangelists to go among them. Please hold them up to God in prayer." —*Rev. L. L. Young.*

A Song Service for Strangers

Halifax, N.S.

"For some time we have felt that occasionally, we ought to have a service on Sunday afternoon for the people waiting to entrain. As it so happened, about seventy-five persons, comprising members of families going to settle in the Maritime Provinces, had to wait over until Monday morning or take the 7 p.m. train. So Miss James, the Church of England port secretary, and I arranged for a song service. We borrowed about fifty hymn books from the Y.M.C.A. and you should have heard the volume of song that went forth from these seventy-five or eighty voices. Nine Cossar boys on their way to the Cossar Farm, Lower Gagetown, New Brunswick, from Glasgow, Scotland, led the singing—such fine lusty voices! Number after number was called for, such as "Throw Out the Life Line"; "Will Your Anchor Hold?"; "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"; "Abide With Me"; "Tell Me the Old Old Story"; and many others, and last of all "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." There was many a tear noticed on the cheek as memory went back to Sabbath in the old

land. At the close of the song service we served sandwiches, cake and coffee to all. We felt repaid for helping these newcomers to feel that they were among friends although "far frae their hame."

I expect you know about these Cossar boys. Dr. Cossar, of Glasgow, gathers them from orphan homes and generally sends them out to Canada to the Cossar Farm at Lower Gagetown, New Brunswick. After a few months' training they are placed on different farms, and so far have turned out splendidly. They are generally Presbyterian. I have charge of them at this port when they arrive, sometimes they have to spend three or four hours here before their train is due and we get very well acquainted and have a wonderful time together.

The plan of sending Sunday School papers and literature works well. One family that went far into the country, away from a Church, blesses me with all kinds of blessings for the Sunday School papers and *Records*. Every Presbyterian Sunday School should be urged to save cards, etc., and send them to these isolated Presbyterian families. I know of nothing more worth while. This family I speak of have their own little Sunday School on Sabbath afternoons in their own home and use the papers I send them."

—*Miss Lena Fraser.*

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for June

"THE ROYAL ROAD"

Hymn—"Lord While for All Mankind We Pray." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings* p. 216). *Scripture Reading*—Psalm 72. Explain that the name "Dominion of Canada" was suggested by verse 8 of this Psalm. *Minutes. Business. Offering. Study Topics*—Chapter III—(1) The Northwest Indians, their origin, manner of life, characteristics in peace and war, customs, religious beliefs, relation to the Government and religious denominations. *Recitation*—"The Cattle Thief" by Pauline Johnson, or solo. For further reference see "His Dominion" p. 125-153, annual report, May *Glad Tidings*, Government reports. (2) Church pioneers in Indian work. Tell what you know of Lucy Margaret Baker and her work among pagan Indians. Describe her early life, how she found her life work, the Riel Rebellion and how she served her country then, the dangers and difficulties she faced. Results. Name the Indian residential schools under the care of the W.M.S. Give number of scholars and close with an Indian's letter of appreciation p. 40. *Hymn*—"From Ocean Unto Ocean." *Closing Prayer.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

ONCE again we have watched with awe life mysteriously and slowly pulsating through the sod, the grass, and the trees, until the whole world round about us has become reclothed in beauty. Lest we see "with eyes that see not," let us direct the thoughts of the girls in our group to God, the Maker, that we may truly acknowledge Him and worship Him in all His handiwork.

"I need not shout my faith. Thrice eloquent
Are quiet trees, and the listening sod.
Hushed are the stars, whose power is never spent
The hills are mute; yet how they speak of God!"

We are rich in poetry which paints nature so beautifully that we cannot help but see behind it all the Master Hand. Read one of your favorite poems to the group, and ask the girls to bring theirs to share with the rest at another meeting.

Such Psalms as: XIX—"The heavens declare the glory of God;" XXIV—"The earth is the Lord's;" XCV—"O come let us sing;" XCIII—"The Lord reigneth. He is clothed with majesty;" CIV—"Bless the Lord" should be read, studied, and memorized so that we will have words ready to fittingly express our thoughts and feelings when out in God's wonderland—walking, riding, swimming or picnicking.

The Master Teacher led his companions of another day to a new conception of their heavenly Father by drawing their attention to the commonplace beauties around them.—Matt. 6:24-34.

"I took a day to search for God
And found Him not. But as I trod
By rocky ledge through woods untamed,
Just where one scarlet lily flamed
I saw His footprint in the sod."

Vestigia—Bliss Carman

Very seldom can regular group work be carried on during July and August so that this month we should sum up our missionary learnings for the year. Many groups have followed the outlines suggested on "The work among our new Canadians," others have studied India or China.

1. Make out a list of questions on the work you have covered. Give each girl a paper and pencil, and dictate the questions. *e.g.*,

1. Name all the races of people in Canada.

2. Which do you consider will make our best citizens? Why?

3. Tell what the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church is doing for the new Canadians.

4. Name our hospitals and school homes, and tell where they are located.

5. Name as many workers as you can, and tell where they work.

6. Tell all the ways in which one can help.

A Junior Membership Certificate might be given by the group to the girl giving the best answers.

2. Or—Invite the mothers and have the girls present the pageant "The world at a breakfast table," "Programme suggestions for Presbyterian girls" p. 17, then have one of the W.M.S. tell briefly of the work in Canada.

3. Or—Let the girls give a "Silent" pageant of their own, such as Scene I.—A port worker distributing gifts in a train. Scene II.—A hospital ward. Scene III.—A Chinese kindergarten. Scene IV.—A Mission. Followed by "We've a story to tell," and a talk by the leader or a W.M.S. visitor.

Plan to do some sewing for our missionary supplies during the summer. Girls can make wash-cloths, towels, babies' clothes, at home.

PRESBYTERIAN SUMMER SCHOOLS

Leaders and prospective leaders will be interested to learn that special instruction in girls' work is again being provided for in the summer school programmes:

Knox College, Toronto—July 9th–16th.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—July 17th–21st (date indefinite).

Huntingdon, Que.—July 3rd–10th.

Schools will also be held in Winnipeg Presbytery, Brandon Presbytery and Superior Presbytery in July.

At Holiday House, Lake Simcoe, June 22nd–29th, a camp will be held for leaders and teachers of teen-age girls, and is being promoted by the Toronto Presbyterian Leaders' Association.

WHY NOT ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CAMPS!

Provincial Camp Dates.

Alberta.—

Camp Sylvan	July 16–26.
Leadership Training	July 30–Aug. 9.
Camp Fallis (Senior)	July 2–12.
Camp Fallis (Intermediate)	July 14–25.
Camp Fallis (Senior)	July 26–Aug. 6.

British Columbia.—Girls' Camps.

Ocean Park	July 13–23.
	Aug. 2–12.
North Okanagan	
South Okanagan	
West Kootenay—Kokanee	Aug. 2–12.
Victoria—Beaver Lake.	

Manitoba.—

Boundary Park—Leadership	July 3–13.
Boundary Park—Winnipeg Senior	July
Boundary Park—Winnipeg Intermediate	"
Brandon—Pelican Lake	" (Dates not
Fort William	" decided)
Wawanesa	"
Rock Lake	"
Neepawa	"

Ontario.—

White House	Aug. 13–23.
Beausoleil Island, Girls)	Aug. 17–27.
Beausoleil Island, (Leaders)	Aug. 6–16.
Normandale (Camp Council)	June 30–July 11.
Normandale 1	July 23–Aug. 2.
Normandale 2	Aug. 10–20.
Normandale 3	Aug. 21–31.
Beau Rivage	July 13–23.
Beau Rivage (Girls)	July 24–Aug. 3.
Beau Rivage (Leaders)	July 24–Aug. 3.
Vail's Point	(Date not decided)

Quebec.—

Knowlton Girls' Camp	(Sometime in Aug.)

Saskatchewan.—Summer School.

Carlyle Lake	July 10–19.
Lumsden Beach	
(Leadership camp combined with S.S.)	July 20–30.
Intermediate Camps.	
Ft. Qu'Appelle	July 3–10.
Lumsden Beach	July 10–19.
Senior Camps.	
Lumsden Beach	July 10–19.
Wakaw Lake (80 miles N.E. of Saskatoon)	July 3–11.
Carlyle Lake	July 20–27.
Lake Edward (East of Spalding)	July 2– 9.
Senlac	July 18–25.
Woodrow	July 18–25.
Swift Current (North of S. C. on Ranch)	July 3–10.
Battle Creek	July 30–Aug. 5.
Elrose District Camp	July 11–18.
York Lake, (3 miles from Yorkton)	(Dates not decided)

Note.—The above dates are for the information of the C.G.I.T. of our W.M.S. (Western Division) and are subject to change and additions, as camp plans are not fully completed.

MISSION BANDS

Summer Holidays in Amkhut

MISS RUTH BUCHANAN

ABOUT the fifteenth of April summer holidays begin in the Amkhut school. For two glorious months the Bhil boys and girls put away their slates and text-books! Hurrah for the holidays, and all the million good times that Bhil boys and girls can have in Bhil jungles!

I know perfectly well what Gulabi—Gulabi with the pretty dimples!—will do the very first day. She'll go with her father, sickle in hand, to help gather *bér* leaves for the goats. At any time a walk in the jungle with Gulabi's father is a treat. He can name every tree, and shrub, and flower; the birds and animals are his intimate friends; the faintest jungle voice tells him long stories quite inaudible to Canadian ears. But in April! In April the dead halls of the sun-swept jungle have a horror and a fascination all their own. The sky above and all the air around you glitter like tin. Stark and leafless the jungle trees stand black against the dazzling glare. Millions of tiny cicadas shriek in piercing chorus one single metallic note. "Brain fever!" shouts the *roël* from the highest, barest branch of a dizzy *semul* tree. That's the horror of the jungle in April. But there's more than a *roël* in the *semul's* giddy height; far, far overhead where it flings its bare limbs against a king-fisher sky, crimson blossoms, trumpet shaped, as big as your father's fist, shine like rubies in a turquoise setting. Now and again a flower falls to earth like a red balloon coming down from the air. Only here and there a mango tree or a banyan is heavy with thick leaves and the shade under it gleams black as a water-hole in an ice-bound pond. When the *bér* leaves are cut and piled high in their baskets, Gulabi and her father will sit to rest in the good shade. Perhaps they will sleep—darker shadows in the shadow of the mango tree—a glint of light on Gulabi's silver anklet, on the sickle in her hand, on the arrow-heads by her father's side and on the grey-white *bér* leaves in the bamboo baskets.

Nothing so mild as jungle walks and jungle naps, however, will meet Nansingh's idea of "a fair day, a rare day—a holiday." Nansingh's father is a Bhil Alla—which means that he has Rajput blood in his veins, and comes of the finest race in all India. So, bow and arrow in hand, a-herding he will go with his big brother. Deep in the jungle when the lean cattle are cropping the grass of yester-year, the boys will have rare

sport in a banyan tree. Banyan trees are God's great out-of-door gymnasium for Bhil boys. They are often much bigger than the largest city church and spread to cover acres of ground, new branches forever dropping new aerial roots, that grip the earth, take root in their turn, and form still other pillars of the mighty tree-tabernacle. But at first the roots are slender and supple as ropes. I have seen Bhil boys, herding cattle, swing on the long banyan roots as you swing on the rings in a gymnasium. Lithe and lovely as "music i' the air or the earth," sun-lit and shadow-darkened like Ariel on Prospero's magic island, they fly, leaping and laughing, from one long root to another.—Yes, Nansingh will certainly be doing "stunts" in the banyan trees these holidays!

In May the dates ripen and in May Ayub with a bit of rope not a yard long will certainly climb the highest date palm in all the Vindhya Hills. I watched him once last May.

"What's the rope for, Ayub?" I said.

"The dates are ripe, Miss Sahiba ji," said he.

"They are indeed ripe and golden, Ayub, but they are far above your head and mine. What signifies the rope?"

"With that I climb," said Ayub, and proceeded to show me how.

He tied the rope firmly in a circle and then slipped one bare foot into each side of the ring. Keeping the rope taut so that it would hold firm in the slight crotches of the long palm trunk, and holding on too with both hands, he literally walked up the tree. Soon a shower of golden dates told me that he had reached his goal safely. Five minutes later he was sharing his harvest with a shoal of small boys who had appeared as if by magic when the dates began to fall.

The children of the Amkhut school had a special holiday in March this year when the Raja came to visit the school. While he was in Amkhut he went hunting. When he does that many of the Bhils act as "beaters," scouring the jungle for game and "driving" the wild animals towards the spot where the Raja is waiting for them. Of course, it is often dangerous sport—especially so for the "beaters" for they may not carry bows and arrows when they "beat" for the Raja's hunt. And very dangerous it proved to two young Bhils this year. One of them was attacked by a panther. Being unarmed, he was practically helpless and was badly torn before his friend, hearing his cries, rushed to help him. The friend, too, was empty-handed, but without any hesitation, he flung himself on the panther and seizing it by the ears and head wrestled with it to save his chum. Then, indeed, all the strength and agility that he had acquired as a boy in banyan trees and palm trees must have stood him in good stead. The two men struggled for life with the furious beast. Just in the nick

of time a hunter arrived with a gun and shot the panther. Both the Bhils were badly mauled, but they were taken to the mission where they were cared for and cured. That was a very tragic ending, wasn't it, for a holiday that began so happily?

For centuries the Hindus have scorned the Bhils and called them "Monkey People." But throughout the history of their race and in their life to-day, we see them strong, courageous, independent and loyal. In the Amkhut school and in other schools to which they have been sent, they are now proving themselves the equals, and often the superiors, of the Hindu and Mohammedan boys and girls with whom they compete. And in simple faith, devotion and gratitude to Jesus, who has "wrought so great a salvation" for them, they often put us Canadian boys and girls and men and women to shame.

They are the special charge of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in India. Will you help to send them the glad message that Jesus loves Bhil boys and girls and wants them to be not "Monkey People," but sons of God.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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Annual Meeting

DELEGATES from 15 points attended the annual meeting of the Provincial in Calgary, April 4th-5th. In the absence through illness of Mrs. McQueen, Mrs. McClenaghan presided. Reports were encouraging, all departments going over the top; addresses and discussions were helpful and inspiring, devotional exercises spiritual and uplifting.

There now are 27 Auxiliaries with 613 members; 7 Associate Societies, with 102 members; 6 Y. W. Auxiliaries with 81 members, giving $225.85; 27 C.G.I.T. groups, with 327 members, giving $38.00 and 24 Mission Bands with 558 members, giving $445.76, the latter increased by 1 Band, 25 members and $118.10.

Receipts for the year had been $6,521. The allocation had been exceeded by $428.74. $4,732.74 had been transmitted to Toronto, while expenses of delegates (including $1,378.74 for Council) etc., had left a balance of $9.38.

Two libraries of 75 books had been sent out. 29 gospels of St. John, 12 Bibles, 526 lbs. literature, 4 parcels, and Sunday School papers had been sent, also a roll of pictures to British Guiana. Calgary has a 100-book library on hand.

Three Auxiliaries had applied for Exchange papers, 9 are on hand, and others available on application.

Literature valued at $134.25; 195 Christian calenders, and 10 membership pins had been sold. New sets of slides are on hand, and 772 subscribers to *Glad Tidings*.

Supplies valued at $174.68 had been sent to hospitals; at $513.79 to school homes, and at $277.55 to mission fields; also 2 sewing machines to Vegreville, where a used organ is required.

The *News Bulletin* will be continued. Printing had cost $97.97 last year, stamps and other expenses $25.53. Donations had been $83.20. The Provincial Treasurer had sent $84.09, leaving a balance on hand, December 30th, of $44.03. Circulation has increased from 450 to 525.

Names of 752 adults and 487 children were received and distributed by the Welcome and Welfare Secretary, this including 101 adults and 216 children who came in under the 3,000 British families scheme and 32 Hungarians.

249 Home Helpers had given $452.13, increase $85.21.

One Honorary, 16 Life and 17 Junior memberships were reported, also 2 In Memoriam Certificates and a 4th year seal.

An increase of 4 C.G.I.T. groups, and 45 members and splendid supply work had evidenced growth, which Miss Sinclair's visit had strengthened. The 6 Y. W. Auxiliaries had sent supplies valued at $33.24.

"Sunbeam" M.B., Carstairs is the "Banner Band," giving $62.00. All the Presbyterials used the costumes, and the children were active in making gifts for hospitals, and Christmas gifts.

Miss Laura Pelton gave two splendid addresses and assisted with advice when needed. Rev. Mr. McNeill, also addressed the evening meeting.

Mrs. Fred. Allott, Calgary, succeeds Mrs. McQueen as President, the latter, with Mrs. R. H. Christie, Mrs. A. O. Thomson, and the Presbyterial Presidents, becoming Vice-Presidents. Mrs. MacMicking, Calgary, is Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Chrystal, Carstairs, Recording Secretary, Mrs. McClenaghan, Lethbridge, Exchange; Mrs. W. E. Wilson, Edmonton, Home Helpers, the other Secretaries, unchanged. The Advisory Committee is Mesdames Allott, McQueen, Wilson, Christie and MacTavish.

Mrs. Kinnear, Mrs. Revie and Mrs. Cameron were elected delegates to Council, with Mrs. Moors, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Grey substitutes, from the Board, Mrs. Kinnaird and Mrs. Harback.

Pleasant Heights Auxiliary, Calgary went over the top last year, and added 2 members. Average attendance 6. Financial condition, good. Mite boxes are collected every two, instead of every three months, with better results. The congregation is without a minister.

Miss Jean McAllister, Secretary, Red Deer Presbyterial, also for the

Bible Society, and a Sunday School Teacher in St. Andrew's, whose marriage to Mr. David John Mitchell, took place March 20th, is greatly missed since going to her new home in Ontario.

Some 120 persons attended the lantern-lecture on India, March 30th, at Edson when $18.00 were realized. At the Easter service, April 8th, the hall was filled, and the Sunday School pupils took part.

At an apron social (when the apron pocket contained an Easter offering) held at Nanton by Cayley Auxiliary $14.58 was realized. This social was the first put on especially for the W.M.S. but more are to follow.

Edmonton.—Celebrating its 12th anniversary, the Y.W.M.S. of First Church held a tea and social evening. Twelve tea tables, decorated with birthday cakes and candles were served by past Presidents, and members assisted in serving. A programme, which included an address on the work, by Rev. Mr. Tait, was provided.

The "Wilkie" M.B., Westmount, put on a sketch "Mother Goose Mission Band" on Easter Monday. Two Junior Memberships were presented, also a first year seal. This Band has 6 Junior members, Mrs. McRitchie gave a short talk.

"Goforth" M.B., Strathcona, at an open meeting, had the older girls in nurses' uniform to represent the matrons of W.M.S. hospitals, and the little ones in costume to represent helpers; each giving a report of the work she represented, to Mrs. Christie, who represented the W.M.S. Two certificates were awarded.

Certificates and seals were presented to members of Rupert Street M.B., at its open Easter meeting, and also a gift to Mrs. Sykes. Addresses of welcome to the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Mackay and Mrs. Mackay were read.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary at a birthday tea and social put on a pageant by the Mission Band members, and had a programme of music and addresses. The oldest member of the church, Mrs. Jeffrey, aged 80, cut the birthday cake.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER P.S.—At a recent meeting of this Presbyterial, it was reported that a new Auxiliary, the "Dunn Memorial" was organized at Mount Lehman, also a Mission Band with Mrs. Peter Edge as Superintendent. New C.G.I.T. Groups were organized at Broadview and Vancouver Heights and the Girls' Guild of Marpole had affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society. The Supply Secretary stated that the allocation for 1928 had been received and supplies were required for the "Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital and the boys' and girls' School Homes, at Vegreville, Alberta. Mrs. Herd, Presbyterial President, re-

ported attending the Presbytery meeting when the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Thomson, had presented the Presbyterial annual report.

Kootenay P.S. held its fourteenth annual meeting at Nelson, in the First Presbyterian Church, having three sessions, Mrs. A. A. McKinnon, of Cranbrook, presiding. Great progress was reported and several expressed the feeling that much lost ground was being reclaimed and that the Church would emerge from the strain and stress stronger and more consecrated than before. Greetings were received from the Westminster Presbyterial, which was in session in Vancouver, as well as from the other churches in Nelson.

Mr. Youngson, formerly of British East Africa, gave an interesting address, telling many incidents in connection with his work with the Kikuyu tribe where the women were treated as cattle and are the burden carriers from the time they are old enough to carry a fagot of firewood. Christianity was a great uplifting force among these women he asserted. Mr. Youngson urged the women not to lose the vision of the far fields and expressed the hope that the Kootenay Presbyterial would be as it was in the old days, pre-eminently a missionary Presbyterial.

The financial report showed that the allocation had been exceeded by $25.95.

The Auxiliary at Slocan City deserves special mention. Here a very few faithful women have organized themselves and solicit orders for knitting as a means of raising funds, and put aside their own personal work, that the orders may be filled as quickly as possible.

Changes in officers: President, Mrs. J. W. Dow, Creston; Secretaries: Corresponding, Mrs. H. H. Taylor, Creston; Mission Band, Mrs. W. E. Worden, Cranbrook; Supply, Mrs. Gage, Slocan City; Literature and Library, Mrs. H. Nelson, New Denver; Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Choate, Nelson.

ONTARIO

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Annual Meeting

OUR fourteenth annual meeting, which convened in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph, from April 24th to 26th, was a mountain-peak experience, upon which now rests the afterglow of a cherished memory.

The members of the Board of Management and the Presbyterial Corresponding Secretaries held a round table conference on Monday afternoon. The President, Mrs. W. M. Rochester, presided and based her message, at this preliminary meeting, upon some verses from the 37th Psalm.

The Board of Management met again on Tuesday morning and in the

afternoon over four hundred delegates and many visitors filled to overflowing historic St. Andrew's Church. Every Presbyterial was represented, 425 delegates registering.

The invocation was made by the minister, Rev. S. Buchanan Carey, and Miss McLellan, President of the Guelph Presbyterial, extended a Highland welcome—hospitality prompted by love.

In her presidential address, Mrs. Rochester touched upon each phase of our work, in which, although she noted greatly increased activity, there had been no outstanding features, as it had been confined to the strengthening and extending of our organization. Expressing deep sympathy for all members who had been called upon to pass through deep waters, during the year, she mentioned the death of our beloved first Vice-President, Mrs. R. J. McLean, Miss Danielda McDonald, and our Supply Secretary, Mrs. H. F. Thomas, and the very great loss to our Church in the death of, first, Mr. Thomas McMillan, chairman of the Board of Administration, and, a few days later, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly.

With proud thankfulness the statement of the Treasurer, Mrs. Charles H. Thorburn, showing that she had forwarded to the Council Treasurer, $138,000, our allocation being $130,000, was received. Most reverently, Mrs. Peter McLeod, of Maxville, offered the dedicatory prayer. The Finance Secretary, Miss S. E. Orr, reported her share in the work of securing this wonderful result. She urged the use of the duplex envelopes for contributions, the remembering of our missionaries in special prayer, and the giving to the Church budget—the schemes of the Church—as our first duty.

Another great audience gathered in the evening, when following the service of praise and the devotional exercises, the greetings of Synod were conveyed by Rev. Dr. D. Perrie of Wingham.

Preceded by a prayer for India, offered by Mrs. W. P. Gamble, of Guelph, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, the W.M.S. representative of the Assembly's Delegation, vividly narrated the story of her visit to India. With the sure knowledge gained by this personal experience, she sketched for us our beloved mission fields and their leaders, one of whom, although we did not then know it, was to pass to his reward before our meeting had ended.

Wednesday morning's meeting was devoted to the reception and discussion of reports.

At the afternoon session when Dr. Margaret O'Hara related many incidents from the experience of a lifetime spent in Central India, we came again into close touch with the problems of evangelization in that picturesque land.

Preceding this address Mrs. J. R. Hill, of Ottawa Presbyterial, offered prayer for our Mission Bands, and following it, Mrs. George J. Vanstone presented her Mission Band report. Thus most appropriately were introduced the girls and boys of St. Andrew's Mission Band, who, occupying the seats of the choir, conducted a regular session, with correct parliamentary procedure. Complying with a request from some one in the audience, Dr. O'Hara then enthralled these embryo missionaries by singing for them a hymn in Hindi.

A still larger, if possible, audience assembled for the evening meeting, which was devoted to Home Missions, the prayer "that Canada may be a land of godly homes" being offered by Mrs. N. C. Hern, of Paris Presbyterial.

First, Miss Winifred Ferguson described the work of her initial year as Superintendent of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home. The statement that nine graduates had been fully equipped for service in both home and foreign fields was followed by an eloquent plea that many others would similarly consecrate their lives.

Mrs. W. J. McCullough, Corresponding Secretary, then reviewed the development of the general work of the Society, as reported to her by the various Secretaries. Courage, optimism, and good fellowship existed throughout an organization of 25 Presbyterials, comprising 547 Senior Auxiliaries; 11 Associate Societies; 108 Young Women's Auxiliaries; 7 Associate and Affiliated Young Women's Auxiliaries; 330 Mission Bands; 99 C.G.I.T. Groups, or Teen-age Organizations; total number of organizations 1,102; an increase over 1926 of 74. Membership: Senior Auxiliaries 15,429; Young Women's Auxiliaries 2,390; Mission Bands 8,110; C.G.I.T. Groups, or Teen-age Organizations 1,634; Home Helpers 6,015; total membership 33,578; increase over 1926 1,040.

Finally, in his inspirational address, "Saving the World Through Childhood," the Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., Convener of the Assembly's Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's work, showed most convincingly the joint responsibility of the home and the Church for the religious training of our boys and girls, for whom there can be no better equipment for life than a knowledge of the catechism and the Word of God. In a resolution adopted later this responsibility was fully recognized and endorsed.

On Thursday morning, at which the reception of the Presbyterial reports was concluded, the President of the Council, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, briefly referred to the thrill of holding this meeting, surrounded with the memorial windows and tablets of St. Andrew's Church, where Lt.-Col. John McCrea had learned to hold high the torch of Christian service, while in the adjoining Knox Church, Dr. Wilkie had been a

Sunday School scholar and, fifty years ago, had been ordained. Now, worn and weary, he was throwing to us his torch. Be it ours to hold it high!

From Mrs. Daniel Strachan, at the closing meeting, we received another personal message, this time from Formosa, China, Japan, also visited by her with the Assembly's Delegation, where, too, the most urgent need was for evangelization. Following prayer for our Provincial Society and all who are assuming the responsibility of office, Mrs. J. A. Milne spoke solemn closing words—"And lifting up their eyes they saw Jesus only"—and Mrs. Angus McDonald of Superior Presbyterial prayed that this message might remain with us throughout the coming year. Thus closed a memorable gathering.

Changes in Secretaries: Supply, Mrs. Ellen Anderson, Toronto; *Glad Tidings*, Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa; Lantern Slides, Mrs. A. W. Talbot, Toronto; Y. W. Auxiliaries, Miss Ida Malcolmson, Hamilton; General Interests, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Lindsay.

An invitation to meet next year in Hamilton was accepted. So the delegates parted, bearing memories of a great meeting, happy social intercourse, and an appreciation of the beauty of the city gained through an enjoyable motor drive.

Chatham P.S.—The 51st birthday of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor, was commemorated in April.

Mr. Zion, Ridgetown, has received two Life Membership certificates.

An Easter meeting was held at the home of Mrs. D. M. Burgess, Valetta.

"The Sunshine Mission Circle" has been organized in Knox Church, Leamington.

Paris P.S.—At the Thank-offering meeting of Central Church, Brantford, a Minority Group, now located in their newly-acquired church property, Mrs. D. Strachan was the special speaker. The offering amounted to $100, and an added blessing was the presence of their first Life Member, a daughter of the late Dr. Cochrane.

Superior P.S.—At the fourteenth annual meeting, held in First Presbyterian Church, Port Arthur, on April 11th, gratitude was expressed that the President, Mrs. Hogarth, was sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to attend. All reports were encouraging, the allocation having been exceeded by $247.40. There are 3 Auxiliaries, 2 Y. W. Auxiliaries, 3 Mission Bands, 8 C.G.I.T. Groups. Three Junior Memberships were presented in "McKay" M.B., which also received the Banner for attendance. "Sunbeam" M.B., Fort William, won the Banner for the largest amount raised per member. Special speakers were Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, President of Manitoba Provincial Society, and Dr. A. S. Grant, of Toronto. A resolution that Superior Presbyterial should join Manitoba Presbyterial was

carried. The delegates from Fort Frances, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Scott, were requested to take a similar vote, the result to be forwarded to the Council for consideration.

The Late Mrs. A. V. Robson

Vernonville Auxiliary records the death, on March 1st, 1928, of their Secretary, Mrs. A. V. Robson, a Life Member of the W.M.S. She was most lovable and gentle and much sympathy is extended to her husband and her sister.

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, The "Manse", Beauharnois, Press Secretary

QUEBEC P.S.—The thirteenth annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Kirk Hall, Quebec City, on February 8th. Owing to a severe snow storm many Auxiliaries were not represented but one devoted member drove ten and another twenty-two miles in order to attend. The Auxiliaries being so scattered it was felt that the representation might be larger if the meeting could be held at a better time of year and June was decided upon for our next annual meeting.

Mrs. Price, 1st Vice-President, occupied the chair in the absence, through illness, of the President, Mrs. Jas. McKelvie. Miss Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary, spoke of the need of closer companionship between mothers and their daughters. Mrs. Strachan gave a résumé of her visit abroad, and the great need of workers for overseas was felt by all who were privileged to hear her message. Mrs. O. R. Campbell was a great help as she always is, with her quiet words and sound advice.

All the sessions proved most inspiring. Quebec P.S. has 12 Auxiliaries and one Y. W. Auxiliary. This Presbyterial is large in territory, small numerically, but great in devotion to W.M.S. work. Our country Auxiliaries are doing wonderful work in caring for the sick and relieving those in distress as opportunity affords.

A very successful meeting of the St. Andrew's W.M.S., Huntingdon, was held on April 12th. Mrs. Strachan, of Toronto, member of the Council Executive, who was appointed by the General Assembly to visit the Presbyterian mission fields of the Orient, gave a very inspiring and instructive address on her visit to the far East. Her report was very encouraging and many a moment her listeners, carried by force of her description and her tones of sincerity, visited the foreign mission fields with her. By her clear explanation all obtained valuable information in a most interesting and convincing manner.

Miss Cameron, of Montreal, Treasurer of the Provincial Society, gave an instructive address on the new School Home which is to be

opened in Huntingdon this fall. The Maclaren property was purchased for this purpose last year. She also spoke of the Young People's conference which is to be held in the Home some time in July. Both ladies were in Huntingdon in connection with the opening of this Home.

Montreal P.S.—The quarterly executive meeting was held in Knox-Crescent Church lecture hall, on April 20th, the President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty presiding. Twenty Auxiliaries, 3 Y. W. Auxiliaries and 5 Mission Bands were represented.

The Treasurer reported $2,797.82 received from Auxiliaries since January 10th. The members were asked to see that the letter sent out by the Finance Committee stating the amount of their allocation, etc., is read at their respective Auxiliary meetings.

The resignation of Mrs. Howard T. Fraser, Mission Band Secretary, was accepted with great regret.

A new Auxiliary at Montreal East was announced. The Home Helpers Secretary reported 227 new members, making the total 993. She urged that each Auxiliary have a special meeting during the year, and have the Home Helpers assist in the programme. Two new Mission Bands have been organized: the "Wilkie" in St. Lambert Church, and the "Mackay" in St. Cuthbert's Church. A most successful rally was held in MacVicar Memorial Church on April 10th.

Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Girls' Work Secretary, reported conferences with Miss E. A. Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary, and many visits to different clubs and groups. A mother and daughter banquet had been held in Verdun, at which 250 were present. Miss Sinclair gave a splendid address. One new club had been formed, the "Sunshine Club" in Knox-Crescent Church. She asked the members to advise her when they hear of any class or group that might affiliate with the W.M.S. A leadership training school is to be held at the Huntingdon School Home July 3rd to 9th. Mrs. A. W. Lamb was appointed to place before the school the work of the W.M.S.

Splendid supplies are coming in, also some gifts of money.

Welcome and Welfare. Many visits have been made, resulting in several new members for the Church. Miss L. Macarthur, Presbyterian port worker in Montreal, has been transferred to Quebec City for the summer. Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, a student from the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, has been appointed to assist Miss Iris Munro in the work in Montreal.

Dr. Geo. E. Ross addressed the meeting on the missionary work of the Church. He referred to the marvellous recuperative powers of the Presbyterian Church. Three million dollars have been contributed to the rebuilding of our churches. In the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa 33 churches have been built at the cost of one million dollars. He spoke of

the strength of our Church in the West—132 congregations with 274 preaching places west of the Great Lakes—300 Sunday Schools organized in Saskatchewan last year—also that 200 students have been appointed for work in the various fields during the summer. The great need of our Church to-day, however, is more men as leaders.

He stated that besides representatives from all over Canada, there are thirteen from the W.M.S. Boards on the General Board of Missions, and their reports at the meetings of the Board are much valued. Reports from the Commission which visited the Orient, were an inspiration. He spoke optimistically of the financial state of the Church. In mentioning the estimate of $650,000 for this year's Budget, he remarked, that "if one-half of one-per cent. were contributed from our Presbyterian incomes, it would realize two and a half million dollars for the carrying on of the work!"

With regard to immigration, 17,816 Presbyterians arrived in Canada last year, and the question was discussed at the Board meeting as to the Church's most efficient method of locating these persons. Several resolutions were passed on this matter, one of which was "That the work of securing the names of all Presbyterian immigrants arriving at the various ports, and the forwarding of the immigrants' names to their destinations, be given to the Women's Missionary Society, East and West." Dr. Ross paid high tribute to the W.M.S. and the work it is accomplishing.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation of Honorary Memberships to Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, Presbyterial President, and to Mrs. Geo. E. Ross, first Vice-President, from the Executive of Montreal Presbyterial and friends, as a token of the esteem in which they are both held, and in recognition of the splendid work which has been done by them in the W.M.S. Both expressed their surprise and pleasure at receiving the Honorary Memberships. Mrs. I. C. Sharp, President of Quebec Provincial, made a few appropriate remarks. Sincere regret was expressed that the Presbyterial was losing Mrs. Ross' fine assistance, as she leaves shortly to reside in Ottawa.

Mrs. Annie L. Gouldthorpe, Superintendent of the new School Home in Huntingdon, was introduced and spoke briefly. The September Executive meeting will be held in Huntingdon.

Mission Band Rally

The annual rally of Mission Bands of the Montreal Presbyterial, held in MacVicar Memorial Church hall on April 10th, under the leadership of Mrs. H. T. Fraser, Mission Band Secretary and her assistant, Mrs. T. Young, showed the interest taken in missions by our youngest members. Miss Doris Proulx, President of the "Dr. O'Hara" M.B., acted as chairman. Mrs. J. G. Potter welcomed the children, and Rev. J. G. Potter

expressed the hope that some of the children would become missionaries. Miss Reid's tiny Chinese kindergarten class were enthusiastically received and sang in English and Chinese. Trios, choruses, solos and recitations, each of which deserves special mention, were rendered by the various Bands also three pageants. The roll call was responded to by one member of each Band telling "The best thing our Band has done this year." Over 300 children were present representing 16 Bands. The Banner, the gift of Mrs. Dougherty, was presented to the "Blue Bird" Band (Fairmount-Taylor) and to the Dundee Band, each to hold it for six months.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

THE fourteenth annual meeting of the Saskatchewan W.M.S. was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Moose Jaw, March 29th and 30th. Some 85 signed the register. Mrs. J. H. Drynan, President of Moose Jaw Presbyterial, gave the address of welcome and Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, of Regina, replied.

The afternoon session was opened by the dispensing of communion. In this Rev. Mr. Samson was assisted by representative elders.

In the absence of Mrs. H. R. Horne, Provincial President, Mrs. W. G. Brown, of Saskatoon, presided. Mrs. Brown read a letter from Mrs. Horne conveying greetings to the Provincial Society and expressing regret at not being permitted to complete her year's work. She emphasized the great work coming to our doors and the need of prayer for guidance in preparation for this work.

The Secretaries' reports were most encouraging. Marked increase in every department was evident. Thirty-five Auxiliaries were reported, St. Paul's Mission Band being given special mention for largest offering. The Treasurer's report was equally encouraging, $4,100 had been raised in all, the Mission Bands contributing $307 of this.

Welcome and Welfare Secretary reported that 560 names have been received. She commended the follow-up work which was being done by the different Societies.

The Literature and Library work also showed a great increase over that of last year and the Life Membership Department an increase of 15 per cent. over last year's record.

Growing interest was evident in Home Helpers work, many members in this department though kindly interested in the work are not able to attend the meetings.

The Supply Secretary reported splendid response from all Presbyterials.

Press work was commended by the Secretary who complimented the Presbyterial Secretaries for their faithfulness. *Glad Tidings* subscriptions showed marked increase. The success in all branches of the work was, in the final analysis, attributed to the Auxiliary, the Junior Group and the Mission Band, for after all they are the working units of the larger Society.

The evening meeting was largely attended by members and friends. Rev. Mr. Samson presided. Miss Pelton gave an address on "The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes" which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. An illustrated address was given on the work of the Presbyterian Church in British Guiana, by Mrs. G. D. Ralston, of Regina. The greetings of the Synod were conveyed by letter from Rev. W. G. Brown, Saskatoon.

Perhaps the feature of the Friday morning discussion was the report given by Mrs. Moore of Mistawasis. Mrs. Moore has spent forty-one years among the Indians and hopes to continue this work till called to higher service.

Mention should also be made of the pioneer work in the old Alameda Presbytery. Mrs. Kidd of Carnduff spoke in a reminiscent mood of the early days in this district. She also referred to the re-organization since 1925. She is one of a band of fine faithful women who are doing faithful conscientious work in the Carnduff Auxiliary.

The election of officers then took place. Mrs. James McAra was unanimously chosen President to succeed Mrs. Horne. Many were the words of gratitude for the year of faithful service spent by Mrs. Horne as President of the Provincial W.M.S. These words were mingled with regret at her departure.

The closing prayer was given by Mrs. McAra, the newly appointed President.

Regina P.S.—The Easter Thank-offering of First Church Auxiliary, Regina, was held April 25th. Rev. W. G. Brown, of Saskatoon, gave a rousing missionary address from the text "I Believe God." Another feature of this meeting was the presentation of Life Membership Certificates to Mrs. G. F. Blair and Mrs. F. M. Kennedy, two faithful members of the Auxiliary. The collection amounted to over $100.

Saskatoon P.S.—Parkview Auxiliary held their Easter Thank-offering April 10th. Rev. W. W. McPherson, of Westminster Church, Saskatoon, gave an address on the work of the Presbyterian Church in India. Mrs. M. Smith gave a report of the Provincial Convention of the W.M.S., she being a delegate.

Life Members

Alberta Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBER

Miss J. Isabel McRae, First Ch. Aux., Edmonton.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Edna Thompson, David Tait, Annie Smith(2nd year seal), ''Wilkie'' M.B., Westmount Ch., Edmonton; Jessie Stephens, Jean Dodd (2nd year seal), ''Sunbeam'' M.B., Rupert St. Ch., Edmonton.

British Columbia Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBER

Mrs. George Hunter, Knox Aux., Cranbrook.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

Rev. W. Leslie Clay, D.D., by W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Ch., Victoria.

Manitoba Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBER

Mrs. Joseph Arthur, Ninga Aux.

HONORARY MEMBER

Mrs. Jas. Henderson, Brandon, presented by Mrs. Wm. Hudson, Kenton.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Annie Richardson Geddes, Margaret Patricia Anderson, Old Kildonan Ch. M.B., Winnipeg.

Ontario Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. Geo. A. Little, ''Agnes Dickson'' Band, St. Andrew's Ch., Lindsay; Beatrice Wylie Riddell, Miss Anna C. A. Kok and Miss Elizabeth Jean Graham, Manchuria, Calvin Aux., Toronto; Miss Janet McKenzie, Knox Aux., Morrisburg; Mrs. George McDonald, St. James' Aux., Kintore; Mrs. Duncan Campbell, Burns Ch. Aux., Mosa; Mrs. Archie Carmichael, Ilderton Aux.; Mrs. Duncan Limon, North Caradoc Aux.; Miss Harriet Harlow, Hamilton Rd. Aux., London; Miss Christina McNaughton, Knollwood Aux., London; Mrs. Thomas Evans, Erskine Aux., Ottawa; Mrs. C. L. McPhedran, Mrs. William K. Smith, Mrs. J. J. Thompson, St. Andrew's Aux., Petrolia; Miss Janette Johnson, Miss Ida Stewart, Strathroy Aux.; Mrs. J. K. Anthony, Mrs. J. G. Smart, Miss Isabel Wiggins, Brampton Aux.; Mrs. W. G. Colville, ''Janet Geggie'' Aux., Parkdale, Ch., Toronto; Miss Mabel Smith, Miss Mina Robinson, Harvesters Aux., St. Paul's Ch., Toronto; Mrs. Charles Penney, Scott Aux., St. John's Ch., Toronto; Miss Annie Hamilton Gowans, Gowans Y.W., Glebe Ch., Toronto; Mrs. A. C. Cully, Mitchell Aux.; Miss Geraldine Moffat, Listowel Aux.; Mrs. Henry Wallace, St. Andrew's Aux., West Huntingdon.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

May Gertrude Moffatt, ''Sunshine'' M.B., Fingal; Lavis Murray, St. John's M.B., Port Stanley; Evelyn McEwen, ''Sunbeam'' M.B., Ailsa Craig; Miss Joan Kenny, Fort Coulogne M.B.; Margaret Jean

Falconer Whitsey, Helen McClure, Rubie Bigham, George Giffin, ''Maclaren'' M.B., Brampton; Andrew Logan Geggie Hardy, ''Coral'' M.B., Parkdale Ch., Toronto; Orvella Isabelle McClusky. Molesworth M.B.; Jocelyn Scott Marshall, ''Do What You Can'' M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., Windsor; Elizabeth Isabel McKenzie, Knox M.B., Teeswater; Marjorie Lois Ellis, ''Seed Sowers'' M.B., St. Peter's Ch. Madoc; Margaret Nickle of Clearwater, Florida, Junior Certificate and Blue Seal, ''Sunshine'' M.B., Tweed; Miss Mary Folliott, Bolsover M.B.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

Ethel P. Sutherland, to her mother, Mrs. B. Sutherland, New St. James' Aux., London; Robert Fraser, to Mrs. Robert Fraser, by the W.M.S. of Dale Ch., Toronto; Miss Susan McKenzie, by ''Janet Geggie'' Aux., Parkdale Ch., Toronto; Mrs. J. D. Nasmith, by her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Rodgers, Calvin Ch. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Mary Alice Sampson, by her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Sinclair, Calvin Ch. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. George Clare, by Mr. George Clare, Calvin Ch. Aux., Toronto; to Mrs. Margaret Duncan in memory of her dear ones who passed away during 1927, Atwood Aux.; Eliza A. Montgomery, April 16th, 1915, by Miss Helen Montgomery, of San Diego, Cal., Knox Ch., Toronto.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. Catherine Scott, her own gift through W.M.S. Aux., Ridgetown; Mrs. J. H. Barnett, presented by the Y.W. Aux., Ridgetown.

Quebec Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. Robt. Pool, Maisonneuve Aux.; Miss Grace Baird, Athelstan Y.W.A.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Hazel Mercer, Barbara Haney, ''Light-Bearers'' M.B., Stanley.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTION

In Loving Memory of:

Mrs. Alex. Farmer, by Lachine Aux.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. J. W. Doughtery, Mrs. Geo. E. Ross, presented by the Executive of the Montreal Presbyterial; Miss Christina Davidson, presented by Knox-Crescent Aux., Montreal; Miss Mary Kilgour, presented by friends of the Beauharnois Aux.

Saskatchewan Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mabel Ann Park, St. Andrew's Aux., North Battleford; Mrs. G. F. Blair, Mrs. F. M. Kennedy, First Pres. Ch. Aux., Regina.

Saskatchewan Provincial.—

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JUNIOR MEMBERS

Mary McClinton (first seal), "Willing Workers" M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., North Battleford; Margaret Jean Mason (second seal), Mary Pauline Mason, Nokomis M.B.

These should have appeared in the February number.

Entered into Rest

BOWMAN—On April 23rd, at the Manse, Maple, Ontario, Sarah Lorena Findly, wife of Rev. C. H. Bowman, a member of St. Paul's Auxiliary, Vaughan, and Life Member of the W.M.S. through St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Maple.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

Hamilton P.S.—"Buds of Promise" M.B., Snow Road, St. John's Presbyterian Ch. M.B., Hamilton; "Farther Lights" M.B., Caledonia.

SEEING OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US

Ontario Provincial Society at its annual meeting reported an increase of eight per cent. in *Glad Tidings* subscriptions. Not satisfied with this advance, Mrs. Hill, of Ottawa, urged that, for 1928, they set a still higher standard and take for their slogan the word GROWTH. Why GROWTH? Because, in acrostic, it expresses what they think of the *Glad Tidings.*

G it is *Glad Tidings.*
R it is Reliable.
O it is Optimistic.
W it is Well written.
T it is Tolerant.
H it is Healthful.

We thank Ontario Provincial for this tribute and take courage.

EDITOR.

Form of Bequest

I give, devise and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., *of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (that is the continuing Presbyterian Church not merged in or associated with the United Church of Canada) in trust for the work of the said* WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., *the sum of* ..... *to be paid out of my estate, without any deduction whatever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said* WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., *for the said sum shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge thereof.*

Treasurer's Statement

April 30th, 1928

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
A Friend	$ 15.00	South Porcupine Hospital	$ 290.00
W.M.S. Aux. (E.D.) "Miss Robson's School in India"	20.00	McMurray Hospital	144.16
M. M. M. "Work in Manchuria"	75.00	Canora Hospital	435.00
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St. John's Sunday School, Toronto "Miss Reid's Salary"	250.00	Chinese Work in Canada	605.36
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Rent from house at Vegreville	20.00	Government Grant, "Cecilia Jeffrey"	2,515.92
Government Grant, "Cecilia Jeffrey"	2,862.94	Indian School, Birtle	692.40
Government Grant, "Birtle"	3,601.45	Government Grant, Birtle	3,601.45
Government Grant Refund	245.85	Huntingdon School Home	1,058.66
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:		New Liskeard School Home	60.00
British Columbia	450.00	Saskatoon School Home	286.50
Manitoba	635.00	Prince Albert School Home	301.17
Ontario	8,062.17	Vegreville School Home	238.90
Quebec	1,300.00	Social Service	1,088.00
Saskatchewan	515.00	India	4,444.50
		South China	246.66
		Manchuria China	250.00
		Formosa	2,572.48
		British Guiana	200.00
		Japan	200.00
		Publication	420.83
		Church Extension	1,000.00
		Organization	690.00
		Pension	150.00
		Miscellaneous	175.30
		Deputation Work	116.70
		Administration	3,409.57
	$18,177.41		$25,802.71

FINANCIAL SURVEY

Balance on hand, March 31st, 1928	$75,131.67	
Receipts	18,177.41	
Disbursements		$25,802.71
Bank Balance		20,255.29
Pension Fund		11,229.70
Sustaining Fund		30,940,51
Legacy Fund		4,025.61
Victory Bond		1,000.00
Cash on Hand		55.26
	$93,309.08	$93,309.08

(MRS. R. C.) S. B. DONALD, *Treasurer*

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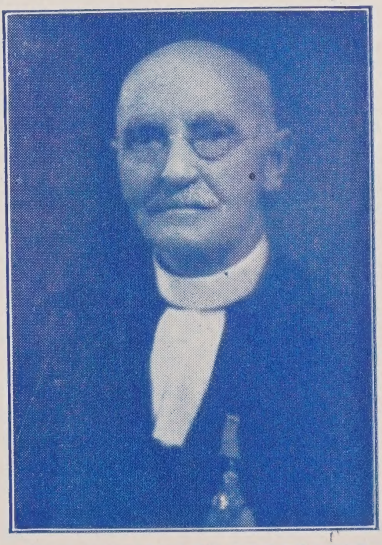

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President's Address

THE President, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, in her address said in part: "Two of the old Jewish feasts or celebrations have much intrigued my fancy. One the four days each year when the daughters of Judah met to commemorate the early passing of his fine-spirited daughter, Jephthah. The other feast was that of Ingathering to review and give thanks for the year's bounty from 'Him who givest all.' Curiously, this was held the last days of the month we call May and the first days of June.

We, too, as members of the Women's Missionary Society, meet for similar purposes to these women of Bible times. We remember, but with gladness and not lamentation, those women of Lower Canada who, in Montreal, three years before Confederation, laid so much more wisely than they knew the beginnings of our great Society. This Council now is convened to hear from secretaries and officers the news of the Ingathering of the year and to plan seed sowing of future days. From them you will hear in detail the refreshing and heartening story of what the Lord hath wrought by the hands of the girls and women of the Church. Each one can lift her heart in solemn and profound gratitude to the Lord of the Harvest who has so bountifully blessed our efforts.

Over hill and dale from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Pacific shores, from eastern farm and city district, western fruit or grain market, from prairie and from mountain 104 women have been elected to gather here guarded by the lions of this Pacific city to plan greater and more faithful service. Along with these 104 elected representatives we rejoice to have with us many others who come unofficially in their great interest in this part of the Church's work.

The Council of the Women's Missionary Society is made up of elected representatives from each of the six great Provincial Societies from Atlantic to Pacific, one from each of the 39 Presbyterials, and also of the members of the Council Executive chosen by the Council and elected by the General Assembly of our Church. This Council Executive meets weekly, throughout the year, except at Christmas and summer holiday time, and administers the work of the Society between the Council meetings. May I, in passing, bear tribute to the work done in

season and out of season by these cheerful, courteous, voluntary workers in a spirit of joyous service.

For the third time I stand before you to give an account of stewardship as your President. These have been three unusual years marked by characteristics not easily tabulated yet in the minds of all. May I sum them up in the words of a little parable from the pen of Isaiah which typifies the development of the work of the Society these three years. Isa. 27:30: "This shall be a sign unto thee, ye shall eat this year such as groweth of itself, and the second year that which springeth of the same and the third year sow ye and reap and plant vineyards and eat the fruit thereof."

This last year was the first in which all the fields at home and abroad were clearly defined and under our own management as a Church and W.M.S. yet in each of these three past years the harvest has been bounteous. . . . The sheaves already garnered thrill our souls and fields are ready for the harvest."

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After a brief résumé of the work of each department Mrs. McKerroll emphasized the need of filling up the ranks and securing men and women for the home and overseas field in these words: "Veterans are retiring or have been called to their reward. The Church mourns many of its missionaries, ministers and leading laymen. The flocks are not shepherded. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. But prayer needs also the making known the need of recruits in the home, in the Church. Make this known, that long training is needed. The tragedy of the candidate department has been the necessary refusals of offered service, sometimes through bodily unfitness, more often for lack of educational training. To students in our high schools and colleges especially let the need be made known. The Student Department has been stimulated by its share in the Student Volunteer Convention in Detroit, that great movement which sent 229 last year making a total of 11,670 in all to the foreign field.

Our Candidate Department has a remarkably fine report of applications for work in Canada and overseas, and of appointments made. When, in all the years of the Society have so many been under appointment in so few months? Eight new overseas missionaries reached their field during the year. The salary of another in British Guiana, is also undertaken by us, and four more young women will sail in August, which will make a total of 95 on our staff.

Our Publications Department is a service enterprise and not a money-making one. For a generation it has been developing into a great

educational force through the preparation and provision of literature. But is there not a further service of extending the use of this material not only among our own membership, but also in the Church? The reason church members are not supporters of missions is because they do not know. Is there anything we can do in our own local congregation which will enlarge interest in the whole programme of the Church? We are first of all church members, then W.M.S. women, and should ourselves study the whole programme of the Church, of which our W.M.S. is a part. We should not be like ponds, absorbing refreshing waters only, but like rivers or conduits, bearing life-giving messages to others. By study, by 'lifting up our eyes to the hills' should we strengthen our vision, in which we are often sorely lacking. Are we preparing wide and true thought highways for the youth of to-morrow? Are we planning largely enough for the Canada and the world of twenty years from now? Only if we are linked with the infinite is this possible. This is His work. Let us listen to His voice.

'Christ never asks of us such busy labor,
As leaves no time for resting at His feet;
The waiting attitude of expectation
He ofttimes counts a service most complete.'

Important as all these services are, the greatest power we have is prayer. Coming as so many of us did, across hinterland and prairie, morass and mountain, one could not but be struck with the vision and endurance of the builders of the C.P.R. and C.N.R. and with all that these roads have meant and will mean to our beloved Canada. We, too, are building a Royal Road of To-morrow. Each one should have a share in this the world around, if it be but the laying of a rail or the placing of one bolt. Will you go back and tell the story of the indomitable courage of the early makers of Canada who fought inch by inch, toe hold by toe hold till the road was made? In rain or shine, in difficulty or easy place, faithfully they labored till all was finished. Let this be a parable of the road for the King of Kings.

Let me remind you of that tale of the post of the temple being built with the King's name on it and no one but this earthly sovereign was to have a share in the building that all the glory might be his. But, by some miracle, when all was complete, over the door, shone forth in golden letters, not his name but the name of a woman obscure and poor. In wrath the king dragged forth the story. All she had done was to give some mouthfuls of grass to the wearied horses to help them to draw the materials for the temple up the heavy grade, yet her loving service had been rewarded and her name blazed forth. So too, many obscure, faithful, sacrificing women and children will see gleaming forth

in eternity the glad surprise of what they have accomplished "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." In closing may I quote part of a little poem that I read by that poetess, Angela Morgan, of such vivid and arresting personality:

'To be alive in such an age!
To live to it! To give to it!
Fling forth thy sorrow to the wind
And link thy life with humankind;
Breathe the world thought, do the world deed,
Think hugely of thy brother's need,—
And what thy woe, and what thy weal!
Look to the work the times reveal!
Give thanks with all thy flaming heart,
Crave but to have in it a part.
Give thanks and clasp thy heritage—
To be alive in such an age!" '

Annual Financial Statement

MRS. R. C. DONALD

IN presenting this financial report might I first congratulate our members on the very wonderful way in which they have met their obligation for the past year. We have been able to carry out all the work planned, pay our indebtedness, and close our year with a good balance with which to begin 1928.

As I told you at the Council meeting last year, it is quite necessary to have a good working balance on hand, to help carry us over the first six months of the year, as during that time we have to pay out a great deal more than we receive.

As you know our estimates for 1927 were $170,000.00, $20,000.00 more than in 1926. By the 31st of January, when our books closed, we had received $180,439.38. You will hear the detail of this in our auditor's statement. You will also see that through a misunderstanding, and an accident, two amounts, $1,589.53 from British Columbia and $600.00 from Alberta, were not received until after the 31st of January. Including these, our total receipts for 1927 are $182,628.81. I am sure you all feel that we have great cause for praise and thanksgiving for the strength and loyalty of our membership.

Now although this all sounds very easy and prosperous, I must tell you that our Finance Committee had some very anxious days during the summer months. After paying our $83,277.10 to the United Church, the end of April, our bank account was very low, even after borrowing $20,000.00 from our Sustaining Fund. However, each time that we

began to feel desperate, a cheque from one of the provinces would arrive and we were safe once more. I would like to say, and I hope you will forgive me for speaking of this so often, that a great deal of worry would be saved if we could persuade our members to be more regular and systematic in their giving. I know that both our Provincial and Presbyterial Treasurers have been trying to impress this on the Auxiliaries, but we have a long way to go before we have as much money coming in at the beginning of the year as we need.

Now a word about our Pension and Sustaining Funds. For the eight months from April 30th to the end of December, we were not able to put by the 10 per cent. decided on by the Council in 1925. But when the larger amounts began to come in, in December, and before our books closed for expenditures on December 31st, we put into the Pension Fund the full amount owing it. We were not able to do the same for the Sustaining Fund, but by the end of January we did repay the $20,000.00 we had borrowed from it in April, 1927, and since the first of this year we have been putting the 10 per cent. into each account. The Executive are bringing in resolutions in regard to these accounts for your consideration.

If you have been following our monthly statements in the *Glad Tidings,* you will know that we now have about $30,500.00 in the Sustaining and about $11,000.00 in the Pension Fund.

For this year we have kept our estimates the same as last year, $170,000.00. This was only made possible by refusing many requests from every department. We have cut our estimates so fine that your Finance Committee is having a very busy time keeping within them. But we felt that so many of our members had such heavy responsibilities in the rebuilding of the Church, that we could not ask them to assume heavier burdens. Every province has accepted willingly and courageously their allocations and we feel confident that, as in the past, they will all be met.

May I, in closing, thank all our Treasurers and members for the splendid co-operation they have given during the past year, and pray that our Heavenly Father will continue to bless and prosper us, as we strive to carry on this work.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees' report was presented by Mrs. Strachan, who in the absence of the Treasurer gave the following properties and values: New Liskeard School Home, property and equipment $10,255.99; South Porcupine Hospital and equipment $12,466.71; Gonor Mission, additional property $427.50; Saskatoon School Home, property and equipment

$33,650.00, office equipment $852.02; Huntingdon School Home $6,250.00; total $63,902.22. Mrs. Strachan pointed out that other properties that had been assigned to us overseas and in Canada, were not included in this list, because the Dominion Property Commission had assigned them to trustees especially named in the report.

The Council Meeting

TIME will not soon obliterate nor distance dim our memory of the W.M.S. Council which met in Central Church, Vancouver, from May 30th to June 2nd.

It was a far call for many of the delegates and there were those who questioned the wisdom of undertaking such a journey, but the Council of 1927, representing as it did our Society from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Pacific Ocean, decided that in 1928 the Council should meet in Vancouver, and the wisdom of that decision was abundantly shown.

Central Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, B.C., where the Council met.

For all great events in life we are consciously or unconsciously prepared, and to those on whose shoulders lay the responsibility of planning the Council Meeting and perfecting the details of a gathering three thousand miles from headquarters, the journey out proved to be our preparation. Never shall we forget it, nor our feelings as we passed through Ontario, so finished and settled, then along the north shore, dark with rock-hewn tunnels and dull lowering highlands, out into the prairie provinces with their great level plains, with here and there the strange and beautiful combination of golden grain (which the snow had covered before it was harvested), the tender green of the growing seed and the dark warmth of the fresh furrowed earth. "First the blade then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." Then when we entered the Rockies and saw the stupendous snow clad mountains, jade green glaciers, awesome canyons and rushing rivers, all so indescribably beautiful and absolutely unforgettable, there came to us the realization of the vastness of our heritage. And as we thought of the cities, towns, hamlets and colonies which we had passed, where dwelt people of every race and clime, there was borne in upon our hearts a sense of the responsibility that rested upon

us to prove ourselves worthy of the great enterprise on which we as a Society were embarked—to win the world for Christ and to bring about that day when He shall have Dominion also from sea to sea.

With fine foresight the British Columbia Provincial had arranged that their annual meeting should take place the day before the Council. This meant that the members from the most remote points would have a chance to share with those from the larger centres the inspiration of the world outlook the Council always gives. How vivid our memory of the opening meeting! The large auditorium with every seat taken and by such splendid women—young, middle aged, and here and there a pioneer, all alert, earnest and desperately interested!

Mrs. Pillar, for nine years President of British Columbia Provincial Society, led the Council in the opening service of worship. Then came the greetings, breathing that Western warmth that one has to experience to appreciate, from the new President of British Columbia Provincial, Mrs. G. W. Ledingham; the Moderator of Synod, Rev. D. Campbell; the President of the Eastern Division of the W.M.S., Mrs. L. A. Moore, of Halifax, while Mrs. B. A. Thaxter of Portland, Oregon, represented the Presbyterian W.M.S. of the United States, and from its 250,000 members and 6,500 branches, brought a message of warm interest and goodwill. Thus was the Council continent wide in its representatives. The President's address, comprehensive in its treatment and optimistic in its outlook, held a note of sadness for it was her last official pronouncement as President, as, according to the Constitution, her three years' term of office had come to an end. While a feeling of regret could not but be felt by all those present, it must have been a solace to Mrs. McKerroll to know that she had greatly endeared herself to the membership by her charm of manner and outstanding gifts of sympathy and cheerfulness.

Service of Remembrance

THIS session closed with a Service of Remembrance, in commemoration of the passing away of the Right Reverend, the Moderator, Wm. Leslie Clay, D.D., and Rev. John Wilkie, D.D., missionary in India for 49 years who died on his way home and was buried at sea, and also Mr. Thomas McMillan, that stalwart worker in the Church and Miss Danielda McDonald, a beloved Jewish missionary.

The President, speaking for the Council, said: "No words of ours could add lustre to the memory of Dr. Clay and Dr. Wilkie for each served his Lord and Church whole-heartedly. Never shall I forget Dr. Clay's last thrilling story of the upbuilding of the Church, and his wonderful tribute to the women of our W.M.S., nor the fineness of his service and his coming to us at our meeting in June, 1925, and the message he brought." "I think of Dr. Wilkie as we saw him at our Board meeting—white-haired

—seventy-four years of age, telling us of our property, of the 'Helen Macdonald School' and looking away off said 'Far as the eye can see is the work.' It was a thrilling story of the need of the people and our opportunity. The last time I saw him was the night he left for India—a piercingly cold night. As the train pulled out of the station his last words were 'I look to the Church to send some one after me and I trust you to take this message to the Church and see that others follow me.' The monuments to these servants of the Church are in the hearts of those that love them, and in thanksgiving for their lives we would lift up our hearts.''

With an understanding frought of long years of friendship for those who had entered the great harvest home, the Rev. E. D. McLaren, D.D., besought the comfort of God for those who sorrow. The resolutions of the Council were read, the members standing to receive them. This was followed by a silence of remembrance and the outpouring of our hearts in song ''For all the saints who from their labors rest.'' The benediction by Rev. R. G. McBeth, D.D., closed this memorable session.

There is a great difference in audiences, and the one that filled the Church for the evening session was of the finest. It had come to hear the W.M.S. members of the Assembly's Delegation tell of their visit to our overseas fields. Mrs. Strachan spoke on Japan, Formosa, Manchuria China and Korea, and Miss MacMurchy on the Southern Bhil field and the Gwalior Mission in India. Their presentation that night surpassed any they had given heretofore and their message proved conclusively the value of Christian missions.

Mrs. McKerroll, also a member of the Church's Delegation, and who visited British Guiana in 1927, added an appeal from the Church there to the Church at home.

Special interest centered in the Secretaries' reports which covered the first full year's work since the Dominion Property Commission assigned the W.M.S. its share in the institutions and fields in Canada and overseas.

Meeting as we did at the ''gateway to the Orient,'' the work among the Chinese was given due prominence. Fine addresses were delivered. Mr. Yeung brought greetings from the Chinese. His statement ''We still have sheep but no fold'' was his only reference to the loss of their mission property, then eight dear little Chinese kindergarten children captivated the audience by singing ''Jesus Loves Me'' with no thought for the organ which sought vainly to accompany them. Honored guests on the platform were Mr. and Mrs. Colman who had spent thirty-six years in work among the Chinese.

We wish we might speak at length of the many other interesting features; the address by Dr. Helen MacMurchy of the Department of Health on ''Maternal Mortality in Canada'' showing that four mothers

die every day, a number that could and should be greatly reduced; the pageant "Step by Step" splendidly given by young people from West Point Grey, Mount Pleasant, Westminster and Vancouver Churches; the valuable contribution made in speech and lantern picture story by the first official representatives from our W.M.S. to visit the foreign fields; the noon-tide meditation on two successive days, led by Mrs. Dill, Toronto, and Miss C. E. Cameron, Montreal, and other helpful devotional periods; and the difficulties presented in the questions and so sympathetically explained. Then there was the gracious hospitality of Westminster Presbyterial whose guests we were for a drive round beautiful Vancouver, including a visit to their fine university, followed by a wonderful banquet presided over by Mrs. J. Herd, not the least enjoyable feature being the eloquent and witty speeches of the representative members from all over the Dominion.

The closing session brought the installation of the Council Executive; the farewell message of the President and her gratitude that she had seen "the Kingdom come with power," and our response and benediction "May God give you and yours what you have given us." The closing message was by Mrs. Owen Campbell, Montreal. Out of a heart charged with a sense of the greatness of the gathering so nearly at an end, she urged us to continue to witness daily for the Master, to have the marks of an individual Christian missionary woman—faith, hope, love—and above all to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called." The singing of the Pilgrim's Psalm, and the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. Dr. Wilson, closed the greatest Council meeting in our history.

—M.C.G.F.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

Organization

MISS J. FLORENCE LANG, who acted as Corresponding Secretary during Miss MacMurchy's absence, spoke enthusiastically of the advance in every department of the Society. Auxiliaries show a gain of 19; Home Helper members 811; Young Women's Auxiliary members 294; C.G.I.T. 834 and Mission Bands 1802. The work of the Field Secretaries was warmly commended and the statement of one Provincial report quoted: "The Field Secretary not only brought encouragement but she also created in those who listened to her the desire to give their best efforts in the service of the Master." It is leaders with ability such as this that the Organization Department is looking for. The tireless effort of the Minority Groups and the W.M.S. women in upbuilding the Church was a cause of great gratitude.

The statistical columns show the following totals: Provincials 6; Presbyterials 39; Auxiliaries 718; Teen-age Groups 171; Mission Bands

450; Associate Societies 32; total membership 44,941, including 7,699 Home Helpers; average contribution per member $3.88.

Referring to Interdenominational work Miss Lang stated that the arrangements for the World Day of Prayer had been successfully carried out. She also said that those who heard the reports of the representatives appointed by our Society to attend the annual meeting of the Federated Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the Church Comity Conference realized how necessary it was that our Society should be informed on the work that is being done by other Mission Boards in other lands.

Home Helpers

The Secretary, Mrs. Logie, stated that, the Home Helper Department provides a way for every woman to have a share in our Missionary Society, even though home or other duties may claim most of her time and attention, and mentioned a few of the many suggestions that have come to her from those in close touch with the work.

1. Make a special effort this year to reach the women and children in rural districts. The children could be enlisted as members of the Mission Band (H. H. Department). Hundreds of women are waiting to be asked to join.
2. Send a birthday card to the invalid Home Helper members, or, if preferred, a card of greeting with thanks for their prayers and gifts.
3. In large congregations where the work is heavy, have a quarterly meeting of the visitors to compare notes. It tends to unify the work.
4. Urge that a conference of Presbyterial Home Helper Secretaries be held at the Presbyterial meetings. Have the Secretaries come prepared to give all the help they possibly can and to receive suggestions.
5. Set an objective at the beginning of the year in membership and contributions, possibly a 10 per cent. increase from each one each year.
6. Try a circulating missionary library.
7. Enlist the help of the women, the Mission Band and C.G.I.T. in work for the bale. Choose a motto each year for your Provincial or each individual branch.
8. Credit the Home Helpers with all they give. If a little attention is paid at Thanksgiving time our funds would be greatly increased.
9. Endeavor to get the *Glad Tidings* into the hands of every Home Helper. The money goes where the heart is interested. In one congregation, after the members have read their *Glad Tidings*, they pass them on to the Home Helper Secretary and her committee for distribution in the hope that next year they will contribute for themselves.
10. Stress the value of prayer. One Secretary writes: "When we rely upon organization, eloquence or education we get what these give—and they are all good in their place—but when we rely upon God, we get what God can give."

Young Women's Auxiliaries

Encouragements and discouragements were noted by the Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Poole. The encouragements included a greater number of Auxiliaries with an increased membership, and more Home Helpers with larger givings. A decrease in total givings is due to the fact that a great many congregations have been erecting new church buildings and, naturally, the young women are doing their utmost to help their home church by giving generously to the building and furnishing fund. In other instances small returns are due to the graduation of the Y.W. Auxiliary into the senior Auxiliary. Mrs. Poole asked that an earnest effort be made to enlist the young business women in our W.M.S. and urged that we be enthusiastic in our appeal for workers and, above all, to be well informed about our work.

C.G.I.T.—Miss Edith A. Sinclair

"Since our Council meeting in Windsor, I have gone from the Atlantic to the Pacific and I now have some idea of the work that is being done in Canada for our girls. Wherever I have gone the women of the W.M.S. have welcomed me most heartily.

In Canada we have 245 registered C.G.I.T. Groups. There are 64 clubs or other organizations, all carrying on their programme. Altogether, there are 309 registered groups of girls, fully organized, and registered with me, which is 82 more than last year. We are definitely in touch with 4,000 girls beside 600 leaders in girls' work. We have been asked if we have any young people in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. We have. And they are wonderful young people, and their arms are outstretched and they are calling to you to-day. The greatest need in our Church at the present time is not programmes. If we had a dozen programmes to put into the hands of leaders they would not satisfy the girls of Canada. The two great movements in Canada to-day are the C.G.I.T. and the Girl Guide Movement, and the girls who are doing the best work in our Church are the Canadian Girls in Training who are affiliated with our W.M.S.

It would be impossible to improve on the C.G.I.T. or Girl Guide programme. The need is for Sunday School teachers who can interpret our programme. We require the finest kind for the teen-age girls. There are people who say: 'The W.M.S. wants the girls for their money.' My answer is we want the girls for Christ, for when they are Christian they cannot help but be missionary. The greatest problem is to get leaders who themselves know Christ and can lead the girls to know Him, love Him and follow Him. I asked one of the girls if it meant anything to her to belong to our organization and she said she was be-

ginning to feel that she had not got out of it or put into it as much as she should, and realized that she could not lead the girls to Christ if she had not found Him herself. We do not want organizations within the Church for the sake of organization, but we do want the girls to be taught to know and follow Christ. Our young people are being starved for want of good teachers. They go to the colleges and universities and just drift away from the church. I pray you to waste less time in discussing programmes and spend more time in training leaders to teach the girls to know Christ, the Giver of all good.''

Miss Ann Fountain, of Vancouver, brought greetings from the National Girls' Work Board to the Council. She had just reason for the pride which she acknowledged she felt, for she represented ''all the teen-age girls in all the Sunday Schools in all Protestant denominations in Canada.'' She assured the Council of the interest of her Board and their desire to share with us in the work for girls.

Mission Bands

Mrs. Dill, Mission Band Secretary, announced that 20 new Bands had been formed since the advance report was printed, making 450 in all. ''But,'' she added, ''even with this addition, we cannot rest on our oars, there is still work to be done for the children and the Church.'' She then told of being asked unexpectedly to speak at a meeting on ''Why she thought it was necessary to have junior Mission Bands.'' Taking as her message the words of Longfellow's poem:

I shot an arrow in the air,
It fell to earth, I know not where;

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth I know not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong,
That it can follow the flight of a song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.

Mrs. Dill used it to point out how easily children are impressed in their earlier years and how you can kindle in them the spark of enthusiasm and make them little candles shining for Jesus in the dark places of the earth. After the meeting a lady came up and told Mrs. Dill a story which illustrated the point she wanted the Council members to remember. She said her little boy of six and a half years went with his sister to the Mission Band meeting. On Sunday evening she always

stayed at home with her two children and sang hymns with them. When she started to play, the little boy said, "Don't play that, play the Sailing Song." She told him that she did not know it and he answered, that it had been sung at the Mission Band, and nothing would satisfy the boy but that his mother would go to the Mission Band and hear the song. She went, and found that the hymn he wanted was "When mothers of Salem, their children brought to Jesus." After the meeting the mother was asked if she would come again and from that time on she was a worker in the Mission Band. Later her daughter became a worker in a Scotch Church Mission in China and her son a missionary in Africa.

A lovely addition to Mrs. Dill's report was contributed by Miss MacMurchy who told of a special Sunday afternoon service for girls and women which she had attended in the Bhil field. At this meeting they sang "When mothers of Salem their children brought to Jesus," and there was a picture hanging on the wall of Christ with the children in his arms. At the close of this meeting the Bhil girls sent "big salaams" and love to the W.M.S. for sending them the gospel of Jesus. Then at Jhansi after talking to the girls about what the Mission Bands in Canada had done for them, they sent over to her a package of little presents—handkerchiefs, rings, a little padded box and girls' brass bracelets. These were not gifts they had bought but their own personal belongings and were the evidences of the real affection of the girls of India for the girls of Canada.

Field Work—Miss Pelton

"In thinking over the field work since 1925 many of us feel that conditions have somewhat changed, at least in the west and I am going to ask that Provincial Secretaries will lend their support as the field workers endeavor to meet the new conditions which obtain, and to ask for your prayers as we pass through the necessary period of expansion.

The two special needs in the west are expansion in membership and the linking of the young women and girls with the W.M.S. The expansion must, we feel, be largely in increased membership rather than in the forming of new organizations." To illustrate her point, Miss Pelton told of a number of little groups many miles apart from each other who never lost interest in missions although they received none of the inspiration which comes from large gatherings or even from contact with co-workers in a common cause. "It is a privilege," said Miss Pelton, "to come from the east to the west. We cannot know until we have travelled north, south, east and west what the women in these provinces have had to contend with since 1925.

And might I say to the women of the east that the women of the west have a heart sympathy for your difficulties even if they do not tell you so. I know this because the Field Secretary goes into the homes of the people, and comes into closer contact with the work and life of the Auxiliary members than anyone else. And if she is going to be of any value to them she goes not into the guest room but into the kitchen of their difficulties, discouragments and dislikes and learns of their problems. We all acknowledge the magnanimous and generous spirit of our W.M.S. women. We were disrupted by the impetus of stark necessity. Now we are being welded together again. The first burst of enthusiasm has given place to conscientious work, and reckless generosity to conscientious giving, and as one solid unit we march with one tread as an army following unquestioning its leaders. As an army is divided up into companies so the W.M.S. is organized into Provincials and Presbyterials, but remember, that no matter what varied methods we find it expedient to employ, the ultimate efficiency of every company will depend upon its absolute loyalty to the army as a whole. Our success is now assured. The necessity of cementing the organization is past. Now may there be that great overwhelming powerful impetus of the command of Christ 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,' that shall enable us to surmount every difficulty and even heal the inevitable differences, so that we may have assured permanence of the present vigorous energy and conscientious giving, and may have made safe the democracy of our Society.''

Miss Kittredge

Unexpected but most delightful was the presence at the Council of Miss Helen L. Kittredge, Field Secretary of the northern section of the Presbyterian W.M.S. of the United States. She assured her hearers of her great joy in being at the Council and hearing for herself of the splendid work we are doing. She felt she would take a real thrill back with her when she told the women that as a whole continent the women of the Presbyterian Church are one in the great work of making known the abundant life that Jesus Christ came to bring.

Missionary and Deaconess Training Home

Miss Ferguson, Superintendent of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, was introduced and stated that British Columbia would be represented at the Training Home next year by two students, but regretted that, so far, no applications had been received from Saskatchewan, Alberta or Manitoba. She asked her hearers, on their return home, to look carefully over the ranks of the C.G.I.T. and Y.W. Auxiliaries for recruits for the Training Home. While admitting that the

matriculation standing required by the Board before a pupil could enter the Home might prove a hardship to some, at the same time, if the students did not comply with the requirement it would lower the standard of the Home. "We want," said Miss Ferguson, "the best in scholarship and personality for our work and our Church."

Students

In the absence of the Secretary, Miss McEwen, Miss Christine Fraser, Vancouver, read the Student report, and from her own experience as a student told many interesting facts which coincided with the opening statement of the Secretary: "The study of missions and the life of Christ is a growing interest amongst our young people in spite of reports to the contrary. The Student Volunteer Movement and the Student Christian Movement are strong organizations in the universities."

Miss Annie Robson, Vancouver, told of the great Quadrennial Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement of North America, held in Detroit, where 3.500 delegates representing 593 Colleges and Universities in Canada and the United States, and 23 delegates from foreign countries discussed the mission situation in the various fields. The Conference gave the students a new understanding of world missions and a new appreciation of the problems of life and their responsibility to them.

Candidate—Dr. O'Hara

Dr. O'Hara, who spoke on behalf of the Candidate Department, Mrs. Grant being absent, made a very impressive appeal. Fifty years ago Dr. O'Hara began work in India, thirty-one of these being spent in Dhar. For many years she lived alone, for many months she worked alone. Because she knows what isolation means, she appealed for wireless sets for the missionaries so that at the close of a day, beginning at 3.30 a.m. and ending at 10 p.m., with a temperature ranging at times from 136 to 140,° they could sit down and listen to a message in their own tongue. Dr. O'Hara did evangelistic and educational work. When the famine came she gathered up 200 boys and 116 girls and she and two other workers cared for them. More than 300 of these famine children became Christians and most of them are carrying on work, some in the Bhil field. In spite of all the hardships, the missionary's life is a joyous one and the opportunities in India for service are wonderful. When Dr. O'Hara first visited Amkhut there was not a hut nor a bungalow. On the second visit Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan were there and a bungalow and a little dispensary had been put up, and the first sound Dr. O'Hara heard was the Church bell calling the people to the Mela. On her third visit Miss Robson was there—a Church had been built and it was full, and at the service 13 babies were

baptized, all children of Dr. O'Hara's girls. The collection consisted of eggs, fruit, corn and millet, and the missionary recorded the gifts. The Christians had been taught by Dr. Buchanan to give their tenth. India is a land of contrasts—great wealth and great poverty, culture and ignorance, and Dr. O'Hara was called to minister to people of all classes. Dr. O'Hara made a moving appeal for workers, men and women with musical, educational and medical training, to take the place of those who have been on the field for fifty years. In closing Dr. O'Hara, now in her 73rd year, told of her call to mission work, her refusal and final dedication, and how when she told her mother of her decision, she said "The night you were born I consecrated you to God's service, but I did not think of it in this way." Then, speaking to the mothers, Dr. O'Hara said "I tell you this to let you know that if you consecrate your children to God's service He will honor them and send them forth to carry out Christ's command.

Publications

The publications issued during the past year were commented on by Miss Parsons: *The Royal Road,* the new study book is not to be hastily gone through; it is intended to form the background of study for two years and to be a permanent reference book. A leaflet with suggestions on how to use the study book accompanies it. Other literature was "A Tribute to the Late Miss Dulmage" with its appeal to the girl life of

WITHOUT "U"

The Annual Council Meeting will be held in Central Church, Vancouver, B.C. from May 30th to June 2nd.

ANNAL *does not spell* ANNUAL *without* U *in it.*

VANCOVER *does not spell* VANCOUVER *without* U *in it.*

TREASRY *does not spell* TREASURY *without* U *in it.*

SCCESS *does not spell* SUCCESS *without* U *in it.*

GROTH *does not spell* GROWTH *without double* U *in it.*

our Church. Assistance in conducting the Thank-offering service in a reverent manner, was arranged for Auxiliaries, teen-age girls and Mission Bands. These will not suffer by repetition but can be used annually. A prayer card for personal and Auxiliary use is ready, also "A Message to Young Women" showing what one girl accomplished, and "Leaves, Plus", stressing the value of missionary literature in the home. A recent biographical sketch, traced Carnegie's beneficent gifts of libraries to the influence of a man, who interested himself sufficiently in him when a working lad, to give him free access to his library. Tribute was paid to the work of Presbyterial and Provincial Literature Secretaries, also to Presbyterial *Glad Tidings* Secretaries.

Through the Life Membership Department $23,040 was added to the treasury. An honor roll was shown which may be used to enroll all Life Members in a given church.

Miss Parsons showed a clever notice sent out by an Auxiliary which may suggest to other Auxiliaries ways of adapting it to their own use.

"The Glad Tidings"

The Editor, Miss Fraser, stated that acting on the instructions of the Council in Windsor, she had provided a permanent cover for the magazine. This action had commended itself to the members but had resulted in an almost transparent balance of $7.26. Not wishing to ask the Council for a grant the Editor suggested that the members show their appreciation of the magazine by bringing the subscription list up to 25,000, which would mean 3 more subscriptions from each branch. The suggestion of the Editor was that the branches order these 3 copies and use them to start a clipping book. Have special sections for each department of work and add to it each month. Appoint either an active or a Home Helper member to undertake the work. It will prove of untold value to the Society while those who assist in its preparation will learn that the *Glad Tidings* is not just 40 pages of 550 words, but 40 leaves plus the vision of that great unseen army of women, girls and little children whose richness of service and gifts has made our W.M.S. the force it is.

Library

This department made a great stride last year not only in the amount of literature sent out but also in the initiative of the individual Secretaries. No two worked alike but each carried her own ideas to a successful issue. Quoting one Secretary who sends parcels monthly to individual families, Miss Pringle said, "This plan will lessen your troubles as housekeepers for if you send books and magazines off as soon as read you will not require to handle them when house-cleaning comes." Presbyterial Library Secretaries were asked to see that every Auxiliary has a Library Secretary. Another step forward was the co-operation of the Y.W. Auxiliary, C.G.I.T.

and Mission Bands in this work. A warning was given to Auxiliary Secretaries to select and supervise the literature sent out. If literature is unsuitable why send it?

Lantern Slides

Mrs. D. Strachan, in the absence of Mrs. Rice, reported that changes are to be made this year because the Board of Missions, Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies and the W.M.S. are uniting in the Lantern Slide Department. This means that the expenses will be borne by these three Boards. It was also agreed that for the present there be but one set of slides for Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The ladies were asked to let us know if this plan proves satisfactory. We now have a set of 90 pictures on Japan and Korea, a set of 70 on Formosa and a set of 65 on India. Mrs. McKerroll asked that we encourage the use of these slides by congregations.

Supplies

Mrs. Fletcher explained that allocations are prepared from the lists sent to the Council Secretaries by superintendents of hospitals, matrons of school homes, principals of Indian schools, workers in the Social Service and Orientals in Canada Departments. Synodical missionaries and Presbytery's Home Mission conveners, provide information as to need of supplies on mission fields and Indian reserves. It is important that allocations, especially those for hospitals, school homes and Indian schools be accurately filled. This will require the co-operation of Auxiliaries, Presbyterials and Provincials. Definite allocations should be sent by Presbyterial Supply Secretaries to Y.W. Auxiliaries, C.G.I.T. Groups and Senior Bands. If they do not receive an allocation they should apply to their Presbyterial Supply Secretary, *not* to any of our nurses, matrons or missionaries. Attention was directed to the necessity of forwarding all *invoice forms, receipted shipping bills,* and *receipt slips.* These vouchers are *absolutely necessary* for shipments to Indian schools. The Government reimburses the W.M.S. for freight charges on supplies. This money is retained in our treasury and credited to the Indian account.

NATIONAL MISSION WORK

Hospitals

Miss I. S. Pringle told of the work of our two pioneer hospitals. One is located in South Porcupine, Northern Ontario, where the well-known mines of Paymaster, Dome, West Dome Lake, Beaumont are to be found. Each mine has its own hospital where the miners are taken when ill, but neither women nor children are admitted to any of these institutions. In 1926, the W.M.S. opened a ten bed hospital at this

point. It is well equipped and has a splendid operating room. The excellent work done by our doctors and nurses is shown in the statistics. In 1927 out of 1,930 patients treated, only 5 deaths were reported. Seven doctors avail themselves of the privileges of the hospital and patients represent 14 nationalities.

At Fort McMurray, Alta., 300 miles north of Edmonton, stands our frontier hospital—a three-roomed log building without any modern conveniences. It is in charge of our heroic nurse, Miss Olive Ross who, unaided, is devoting her time to caring for the 400 people who live in that distant district and nursing the cases which come to the hospital.

The "Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask., has had an unusually busy year, the average monthly admissions being about forty. The citizens of Canora take a great interest in the institution and the local paper devotes a section of the front page to hospital notes, some weeks giving as much as half a column. In Canora and district a Hospital Aid has been organized which recently raised $600 to buy a new sterilizer for the hospital. Other clubs have given generous donations. Miss Cuddy, the Superintendent, feels that there is much work to be done among the settlers who are very poor and often suffer through lack of medical attention. Some have never been in a hospital, others come from points forty miles distant. Both patients and staff enjoy the reading material sent through the library department.

The "Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, Alta., has had a splendid year. One month the Superintendent, Miss MacPherson, reported every bed occupied. In December there was a shortage of beds and one patient had to be put in the operating room. This record of the excellent work being done in our hospitals is a call to us to work harder than ever to maintain them. The Secretary, Mrs. Poole, also asked the members to remember the Superintendents in their prayers.

School Homes

Mrs. Strachan stated that last year we had 5 School Homes with 90 boys and girls under our care. Canora School Home is closed for the present. With homes at Prince Albert and Saskatoon we did not feel justified in carrying on a third in that part of Saskatchewan. In Vegreville our homes have been given back to us and they are filled, and our Church is providing a Presbyterian service there. In Saskatoon, where our largest home is, our ideal is ultimately to confine it to high school pupils. Our Presbyterian families are far apart in many places but here Presbyterian girls when away from their homes will be under Christian influence and surrounded by a Christian atmosphere. "I covet for our W.M.S.," said Mrs. Strachan, "such homes as that for

all the provinces and hope that before long we may be able to put in the Province of Manitoba, a home which will prove a centre of training for the leaders of our Church. We have bought a house in Huntingdon, Quebec, and will open a School Home there in September. Our hope is that this may be a home from which Christian influence will radiate and from which our Church will draw its leaders for the foreign field and for church work in the home land.''

Indian Residential Schools

In the residential schools under our care we have 150 children which with those in our school homes makes nearly 250 in the care of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church. The two schools are Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey. A site has been chosen for the new Cecilia Jeffrey school and the Department will put it up and equip it. The erection of a new school at Birtle will be considered by the Government next year. Turning to Mistawasis Reserve, Mrs. Strachan outlined the situation there and stated that the Government cannot build another residential school but have promised to open an improved day school, if the W.M.S. would provide a van to bring the children back and forth on stormy days. ''In all this work among the young people, we have,'' said Mrs. Strachan, ''an abundant opportunity to put the imprint of our ideals on these boys and girls.''

Mrs. Moore of Mistawasis

Over 40 years ago Mrs. Moore went to Portage la Prairie. She was the first girl appointed by the Presbyterian Church to take charge of that school. The Indians whose children she was to teach had come with their hands red with the blood of the Dakota massacre, but she had no fear of them. She visited the tepees and spoke and sang to the people. In the school she did all the teaching and cooking for the munificent salary of $300 a year! A fact of which Mrs. Moore is especially proud is that she suggested the appointment of John Thunder, that splendid Indian Christian.

Welcome and Welfare

Mrs. McKerroll, in the absence of Mrs. McMullen, read her report, and at her request made an earnest appeal to the W.M.S. members and the women of the Church to take more thought for the lonely boy or lonely girl in their neighborhood who have come to make a home in Canada, and are missing their own people. Also to remember the newly arrived family who have only the bare necessities, and out of their abundance to spare a book or a picture, or something that will make the house more homelike.

ORIENTALS IN CANADA

Chinese in Canada

Every department and centre where our Society is doing Chinese work is progressing splendidly, declared Mrs. W. G. Hanna, the Secretary. This statement was amply proved by Miss Gertrude Lawrence and Miss E. F. Dickman, and Rev. D. A. Smith, who spoke from personal experience of the Chinese in Vancouver and throughout Canada.

To Miss Lawrence, so long and successfully connected with the Chinese work, fell the honor of introducing Miss Dickman, the first Chinese worker among the Chinese women and children in Canada. Miss Dickman is a graduate of the University of British Columbia and of the Normal School. Her winsome personality has won the confidence of the whole Chinese community. The children love her dearly and call her "big sister." Miss Lawrence feels that it has been a privilege to have been associated with Miss Dickman.

Miss Dickman, who spoke beautiful English, said in part that "most of the Chinese community is non-Christian and the work of the Church

Chinese Children in Vancouver Mission who took part in the Council Meeting, June, 1928.

is to interpret Christ to them and bring Him into their lives. How do we do it? First, we win their confidence and we do this through the children, and by means of the kindergarten we come into contact with their homes. Miss Lawrence and I make daily visits to these homes and take the children to kindergarten and Sunday School, and the mothers are glad to have their children taught to sing hymns, learn colors and

so on. Out of twenty-six children only one comes from a Christian home, so you can see how necessary it is to sow the seed of Christianity in the hearts of these little ones. We tell them Bible stories, sing hymns and teach them to memorize prayers and so on. We have 37 babies on the 'cradle roll.' When they are born we give them a card, and when they are five years old, they come to the kindergarten. The mothers are delighted that we are so interested in their children and want them to come. The Chinese women do not like to come to church so we have a monthly meeting for them. At these meetings there are ten mothers and only one is a Christian. For the older children and girls we have a Mission Band. It is fourteen months old and the Chinese children are very eager to spread the gospel. Three weeks ago we organized a C.G.I.T. for the older girls. We have been in temporary quarters since last October. They are just outside the Chinese district and the children have to be brought across a car track and many mothers will not let their children come because of this, and we hope if there is anything the W.M.S. can do to hasten the day when we can have a new Chinese Church, they will do it. Every Presbyterian Church in Vancouver is showing an interest in the Chinese school. On behalf of the Chinese, we would like to say that we appreciate all you have done and to thank the members of the W. M.S. who have helped in so many ways. Will you please continue and remember the Chinese in your prayers that they may all soon be won for Christ.''

OVERSEAS MISSION WORK

The Council was fortunate to have as substitutes for the Overseas Secretaries, Mrs. Strachan and Miss MacMurchy, who had just returned from visiting the following fields:

Formosa—Mrs. D. D. Calvin, Secretary.

Never before in the history of the W.M.S. have so many missionaries gone to Formosa. We have sent Miss Cummings, a nurse, and in September will send Miss Douglas, a teacher, for the Girls' High School, and Miss Ramsay, an evangelist. The urgent need is for a principal for the Girls' High School. Miss Clazie has consented to act for a time, she is familiar with the situation. It will take Miss Douglas more than a year to learn the language and the proper way of approaching the people. Mrs. Strachan paid warm tribute to Miss Kinney, Miss Clazie and Miss Connell, also to Mrs. Gauld for her teaching of music and congregational singing, and appealed for a young woman with musical ability to offer for this work.

Manchuria China—Miss A. H. Gowans, Secretary.

Miss Kok, Miss Graham and Miss Young had the language when they came to us, having been missionaries in China before, and no church has

a finer body of missionaries working for them than has the Presbyterian Church in Manchuria. People are entering this country at the rate of one million a year, and the opportunity for work is unsurpassed. They are eager to hear the gospel, pamphlets are read and treasured, not thrown on the streets as in some places. The great need is for a married missionary and his wife. We cannot appoint any more single ladies, for should Mrs. Goforth have to retire on account of ill health our work could not go on. We also need a medical evangelist who will go from home to home and teach the mothers to care for the children and babies, and speak to them the word of life. Evangelists and teachers, too, are needed.

South China

We are supporting Dr. Jessie MacBean at Hackett Medical College, Canton. It is a cause for gratitude that the work has gone on without interruption ever since Dr. MacBean returned a year ago, in spite of all the trouble and bloodshed in Canton itself. Dr. MacBean writes that this has been the busiest year that she has experienced since she went there.

Japan and Korea—Mrs. W. A. J. Martin, Secretary.

Warm tribute was paid by Mrs. Strachan to Dr. Caroline Macdonald's work among the factory girls in Japan, and the marvellous success that has attended her labor.

Rev. L. L. Young is in charge of the mission to the Koreans in Osaka and Kobe, and our W.M.S. are sending Miss McLean, a kindergarten teacher and evangelist, and two Bible women. We need in our Mission in Japan the same kind of work we have in Manchuria—some one to go into the homes and teach the women. Dr. Goforth needs some one who can speak Korean to help him—young women of the same type as we have in Manchuria, so we advise you to get the high school girls thinking about the work, so that when they are older they will go into training for mission service.

India—Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Secretary.

Miss MacMurchy referred the members to the account of work on the Gwalior Mission and Bhil field in the annual report. Continuing she told of seeing in Bombay a procession of 10,000 Indian boy scouts on their way to be reviewed by the Viceroy, the representative of King George. They wore the same uniform and badge as the boy scouts in Canada and took the same pledge to "Honor God and the King." Such a thing could not have taken place unless there had been a certain breaking down of caste. If this could happen under a movement that is British and Christian, the same success could follow Christianity.

Although India is very beautiful, there is a terrible side to her life. About half the people in India are hungry! Do you realize what it means for the missionary to confront such a situation? Miss MacMurchy touched on the lonely side of the missionaries' life and suggested wireless sets for the bungalows. She appealed especially for a Public Health nurse who would teach the mothers how to take care of the babies, and conduct welfare centres where the mothers would be taught the laws of health. Members were urged to tell the young college graduates of the need for doctors, teachers, nurses, for, said Miss MacMurchy "the pictures that remain in my memory are the closed doors of our bungalows."

British Guiana

Mrs. McKerroll in the absence of Mrs. Rice, spoke to this report. Only one per cent. of the country is settled. The W.M.S. (W.D.), should have a staff of two there. At present we have half of one, but are sending Miss Murray in August to be superintendent of the Girls' High School. We are fortunate to have Miss Barlow as head of the Girls' Training Home, she is doing a type of work second to none on the staff. This Home is to be separated from the High School and moved to Sarnia, so we will require to have an evangelist ready. The courses in the Boys' and Girls' High School are the same as those in Canada. The finest product of the work of the School is one of the teachers. We give bursaries to five girls to keep them in the training home. One great joy is that in spite of the short time since a beginning was made we have a Christian community of over 3,600. We need larger quarters, 120 pupils in one room is too many.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Finances. In June, 1925, Council ordered that we set up a Sustaining and Pension Fund, putting into the Sustaining Fund 10 per cent. of all receipts each month, and into the Pension Fund 10 per cent. of all salaries. From April 30th to December 31st the Council Executive was not able to put the amount ordered into the Sustaining Fund, and now ask the Council to approve their action in not doing so. The following resolutions, passed by the Council Executive, were therefore presented to the Council for confirmation:

1. That the action of the Executive in not putting into the Sustaining Fund 10 per cent. of receipts as required by Council for eight months of 1927, be approved by Council.
2. That the Finance Committee be authorized to add to the Sustaining Fund as they are able until it reaches the amount of $50,000.
3. In connection with the Pension Fund it was explained that the W.M.S. is now coming under the Pension scheme of the Church,

and the Council Executive wish to be released from paying 10 per cent. into this Fund each month. Instead, they ask that the following resolution be accepted:

"That we continue to add 10 per cent. of the amount of salaries to the Pension Fund until it reaches an amount which will yield $700 a year." The Council agreed to these four resolutions.

Attendance. Eighty delegates were present, 68 from the Provinces and 12 from the Council Executive. Alberta sent 7 (its quota less one); British Columbia 10; Manitoba 7 (its quota less one); Ontario 27; Quebec 8; Saskatchewan 9; Council Executive 12 (or 23 short). These with 13 speakers made a total of 93.

Biennial Meetings of Council. The question of the biennial meetings of Council having been considered by the Provincials was thoroughly discussed. It was agreed "that we have an annual meeting in 1929 and that at this meeting the question of the frequency of the meetings of Council be finally settled."

Change of Date of Closing Books. A recommendation from Ontario Provincial that Auxiliaries, Y.W. Auxiliaries, and Mission Bands be asked to close their books on November 30th in order to hold annual meetings in December was presented. As this matter had not been sent down to all branches for their findings it was recommended that it be tabled. In the discussion on the subject it was pointed out that neither the Finance Committee nor the Council Executive favors this change.

Superior Presbyterial Affiliation with Manitoba Provincial. Superior Presbyterial at their annual meeting decided that because of their proximity to Manitoba and for the better conduct of the work they should unite with Manitoba Provincial. The Council agreed "that Superior Presbyterial be received into the Winnipeg Presbyterial of Manitoba Provincial."

Honorary Members. As there seems to be a misinterpretation of the term "Honorary Members," some taking it to refer to Honorary Presidents, notice of motion was given for any rewording of the definition of Honorary Membership which may be more acceptable to the membership of the Society and possibly make the meaning clearer. The Council authorized the consideration of an Honorary Membership pin.

Greetings to Missionaries. The Council asked that a message be sent to every member of our national and overseas staff, expressing the appreciation, prayerful interest and loyal support of the W.M.S. in them and their work.

Greetings to Formosa W.M.S.—Mrs. Strachan presented greetings from the fifth annual meeting of the Formosan W.M.S. The Council

asked that a letter of acknowledgment and warm appreciation be sent to the President, Mrs. Koa, from this Council.

Council Meeting for 1929. Ontario extended a cordial invitation to the Council to hold its next meeting in Ottawa. The Council unanimously agreed to accept the invitation.

Expenses of Council. As some members are not quite clear as to what the expenses of Council include, it was explained that each member is entitled to her railway ticket and the equivalent of the price of an upper berth one way, and a lower the other, also a billet (Harvard plan). All other expenses are met by the delegates themselves.

Changes in By-laws. Certain changes in the Provincial By-laws of Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan were reported. These appear in the annual report under the by-laws of each province.

Officers. The officers of the Council Executive for 1928-9 will be found on the inside cover page of this number of *The Glad Tidings.*

RESOLUTIONS AND VOTES OF THANKS

We, the members of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society W.D. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, desire to express our appreciation and thanks to the session of this Church, to the officials, to the organists, Miss Williams and Mr. Peter, to the choir, to the soloists and to the Committee of Management of Central Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, who have made it possible to carry on successfully the sessions of this Annual Meeting. We would also express our appreciation of the courtesy of the Church sessions throughout British Columbia in opening their pulpits to our delegates.

Words fail to express our thanks to our hostesses, who have not only taken us into their hearts and homes, and have made us feel so welcome, but have also through their wonderful hospitality, made it possible for their Provincial delegates to remain with us and enjoy the inspiration and education of the Council Meetings.

To the ladies of Westminster Presbyterial and to the young women of Central Presbyterian Church we extend our appreciation of the very delightful banquet so daintily served, and to the Young People's Society of Mount Pleasant Church, who constitute a branch of our Society and the young people of the other Presbyterian Churches who delighted us with the pageant so splendidly given, we tender our sincere thanks.

We heartily thank the press for their reports of our meeting, and are especially grateful to the "Vancouver Daily Province" and the "Vancouver Sun" for their generosity in supplying copies of their papers free of charge to the delegates.

We would express our gratitude to our veteran missionaries, Mrs. Moore and Dr. O.Hara, for their words of inspiration and encouragement, and to our Chinese workers who practically demonstrated for us by their interesting kindergarten class what the knowledge of the love of Jesus means to our sisters in foreign lands.

To the members of our Church's overseas delegation, whose reports inspire us to go on in the determination to fulfill our motto: "The World for Christ," we offer our sincere tribute of thanks, and we would

place on record our heartfelt thanks to the Council Executive for their untiring service throughout the year. May we be loyal and sympathetic to them throughout the coming year.

That we, the Council of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, here assembled, acknowledge our gratitude to God for His great goodness to us throughout the year; for His guidance and direction, and may we reaffirm our determination to go on in His service, and obey the call to go out and win the world for Christ. —M.C.G.F.

Work Among the Chinese in Canada

Rev. D. A. Smith

THE half has not yet been told of the patience and time and ability of the women, especially the W.M.S. Council Executive. Week after week, day after day, night after night they continued to give of their strength for the re-establishment of the Church. The first time I went to Knox College, where the Council Executive meetings are held, I asked the caretaker where the Board Room was. He told me, and then added, "the women meet here every Tuesday from 10 to 1 o'clock, and sometimes longer and goodness only knows what they get to talk about." I want to say how wonderful it has been for myself to have been associated with the Council Executive, as well as the various workers of the W.M.S. and the joy that has been mine consequently in the work.

We have some 17 workers, 7 of whom are Chinese, laboring for our Church in this country. Particularly must I mention our returned missionaries from South China, Miss Reid, of Montreal, and Miss Dickson, of Toronto. They have given us invaluable assistance, not only conserving the work we had but building up new work of a real permanent character.

Before I go further I want to give you three pictures. They speak for themselves. You cannot fail to catch my meaning. First: It was my good fortune recently to hear speak in this city a Salvation Army officer. He was a medical man, and among his other duties had practiced some surgery. During his sojourn in Korea, he said he was called to operate upon a great variety of peoples: Chinese, Japanese, Hindoos, Koreans, French, German, American, British. He noticed this, when he operated, that just as soon as he cut beneath the surface of the skin, no matter what their racial color, or characteristic, once inside he found them all the same. God has truly made us all of one blood, whether we believe it, or want to believe it, or not. The nations of the earth are one.

Second: When in China I heard of the case of a young Christian Chinese girl. She belonged to one of our Mission Schools. She, a

Christian, in China, was being compelled by her parents to marry a non-Christian Chinese man in Vancouver, Canada. She refused to obey the parents. The police had to be called in to settle their differences. You catch my point. A Christian girl in heathen China refuses to marry a heathen Chinese in Christian Canada.

Third: Not long ago I was travelling up the main line of the C.P.R. I stayed off for a day at Chase, B.C., a sawmill town. During my visit I went into a laundry and got into conversation with the Chinese man who was ironing. To most of our people every Chinese man is the same Chinese man. This man was not so. I asked if he were a Christian. He said he was not but was more than interested in the doctrines of Jesus. Ordinary looking as he was, no different from the hundreds we see in Canada, it turned out that he had made a comparative study of all four world religions, Christianity, Buddhism, Mohammedanism, and Confucianism. Deeply interested I asked which he considered the most outstanding of these four. Without hesitation he answered, the doctrine of Jesus. What are your reasons for saying this I asked again. This was his reply. "Because the religion of Jesus Christ teaches men to love their fellowmen, and how to sacrifice." "It is the world's greatest and most needed religion." "The trouble is," and I want you to listen to this truly Chinese after thought, and to my mind a very pertinent one, "The trouble with you Christian people is that you don't work at it." The whole philosophy of life is wrapped up in that very pointed remark.

These are my pictures. I often say that the only difference between a Chinese person and a Canadian is one of point of view. Whereas the Canadian puts his saucer under his cup to keep the table cloth clean, the Chinese person puts the saucer on top of the cup to keep the tea warm.

I want to lay before you now something of the present spirit and trend of the work among the Chinese in Canada. There are persons like Mrs. Colman, whom you have just honored, who can look back to the time when the flood gates of this country were open to the incoming Chinese. To stem this tide the government put on first its $50, and then its $500 head-tax. First laborers, next merchants, then last of all students came pouring in. At that time we had as many as 250 enrolled in our night school. This immigration, however, in 1923 was all stopped, a fact of which the Canadian people do not yet seem to be seized. It is true that according to the new Act three classes are still admitted: I. *Bona fide* students to our universities, and I only know of two who have come into Canada for this purpose. On the other hand ever so many go to the United States, encouraged by educational circles there. Moreover they come up through our British Columbia public and high

schools and following that drift over to the other side for their university work. This should not be. These too become real trade missionaries. II. International Merchants. These of course are only temporarily admitted. III. The Diplomatic Service. There may be, too, admitted special cases at the discretion of the Minister of Immigration at Ottawa. We have therefore a fixed population of Chinese in this country, since there is practically total exclusion.

There is a new class of Chinese, however, that is demanding immediate attention, namely the boys and girls who are born in this country. This is the most promising field of Chinese work now facing the Church. We have kindergartens at Victoria, Vancouver, Montreal. A whole department of Cooke's Church, Toronto, is made up of Chinese children. Unlike their parents these children are being born under the care of the Church, and will grow up taking their place in it.

To those of us who are carrying on this work there is everywhere evidence of a new spirit of responsibility on the part of the Chinese. This is seen especially in the financing and management of their work. To a large extent this is the outcome of the recent movement in China. There they are endeavoring to throw off a yoke and gain for themselves independence. It is only nine years ago since collections were first taken up in our Victoria Mission, and only four years ago in Vancouver. The last three years have seen both these places contribute for the first time to the budget of our Church. Moreover, they have, and are planning each year to overtop their previous year's giving. They pay the whole salary of one, and $120 towards the salary of a second Chinese woman worker.

With all this there seems to be a new missionary sympathy born. The recent anti-Christian feeling is gradually disappearing. More and more they are beginning to see that the evangelization of their own people rests not alone with the Canadians. To this end they are beginning to volunteer for Christian missionary service among their own people. We sent out recently David Lee to train as a medical missionary. This lad came from China only six years ago yet during that time has been fitted by our Mission to give his life to Christ on the field. To my mind we should concentrate on the Chinese in Canada because of the difficulties of work by us in China itself, and send them back as missionaries to their own people. I have three young Chinese women whom I would like to see trained and sent back for service. .One wants to be a medical missionary. She wants to train here as a doctor. Who of you has money enough to help her train? Is not this worth while work? Financially foreign missions do not pay, but from the standpoint of winning souls nothing can compare with it.

Editorial Notes

MRS. D. T. L. MCKERROLL, MRS. D. STRACHAN AND MISS MACMURCHY, W.M.S. representatives on the Board of Missions, attended all the sessions of the General Assembly, which was held in Regina, Sask., and daily meetings of the Board of Missions. Mrs. McKerroll, as President, made the general presentation of the work of our Society and introduced Miss Scott, Superintendent of the Saskatoon School Home, and Miss Laura K. Pelton, Field Secretary, who both spoke. Mrs. Strachan and Miss MacMurchy, members of the Delegation, addressed the Assembly, the former on the mission work of the Church in Japan, Formosa, Korea and South China, and the latter on India.

THE PRESBYTERIALS OF ALBERTA report great pleasure and gratification in having had the different speakers address the Auxiliaries throughout the province. Just at this time when there is a dearth of ministers, the speakers have been a source of strength both to the W.M.S. Auxiliaries and also to the Presbyterian Church.

THIRTY-SIX POINTS WERE COVERED the Sunday following the Council, and the days between, by W.M.S. speakers. Six points were visited the previous Sunday. In Alberta addresses were given by members of Council at ten points.

AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE before it adjourned for the summer, an interesting event took place, when the retiring President, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, officially presented the Society with the gavel which was sent to her for the historic meeting in Knox Church, June, 1925. It is of teak wood and was carried thirty miles through the jungle by a Bhil runner to ensure its arrival in time. It bore the inscription, Presbyterian W.M.S., 1925, "Go"—Matt. 28:19, "Come"—Acts 16:9. "Amkhut Bhils pray"—Acts 1:8. This gavel Mrs. McKerroll has generously passed on to the Women's Missionary Society to be held by it in perpetuity.

A NEW IDEA and an invaluable one was the presentation to the President, Corresponding Secretary and the Editor, of a book of clippings relating to the Council, before and during the meeting. Congratulations to British Columbia on this happy thought, and also on the splendid publicity work of Mrs. W. J. White who saw that the press was provided with a series of articles on the history of the Presbyterian Church and W.M.S. in British Columbia, with illustrations. This fine preparatory work was largely responsible for creating the widespread interest which was evident

in the largely attended meetings. This is the second time the annual meeting has been held in Vancouver. The first was in 1912, sixteen years ago.

WE REGRET THAT ARTICLES, Provincial News, and list of Life Members, had to be held over to allow space for the report of the Council.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EASTERN DIVISION of the W.M.S. will be held in Charlottetown, P.E.I., the first week of October.

Designated for Overseas Service

THE designation of Miss Dorothy Douglas for missionary service in Formosa, was held in the Presbyterian Church, Lucknow, on Wednesday evening, July 25th. The Church was filled to capacity.

The Rev. Dr. Perrie of Wingham, conducted the desigation ceremony in the absence of the minister, Rev. C. H. McDonald. Rev. Dr. McKerroll, of Toronto, a former minister of the congregation, offered the consecration prayer. Mrs. McKerroll presented the official greetings of the Women's Missionary Society and assured Miss Douglas that the support and prayers of each member of the Society would follow her to her new field of labor.

Miss Dorothy Douglas, to Formosa

Rev. Alex. Forbes, D.D., of Teeswater, for a number of years a pioneer missionary in the Peace River district, gave a short address of encouragement and commendation to Miss Douglas. A series of presentations followed. Mrs. McKerroll presented a Bible from the W.M.S. and a New Testament in the Amoy dialect of the Chinese language, from the Canadian Bible Society. Miss Douglas was also presented with a book of praise by the Presbytery of Maitland; a book, by the Presbyterial W.M.S.; a purse from the Lucknow congregation, the Dungannon congregation and the Ashfield congregation; a camera and purse from the Lucknow Sabbath School and Young People's Society; and a Bible from the Lucknow W.M.S., these gifts in each case being accompanied by an address. Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll, D.D., in a forceful address, exhorted the congregation to do their part by standing behind their representative in the foreign field.

Prayer

"OUR Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the great gift of prayer. Teach us how to pray, so that all our praying may be with power. We would come to Thee with definite requests, with an expectant faith for the blessings which we ask. Give us to realize that there is nothing too small to bring to Thee and nothing too great. Grant each one of us a vision of what Thou would'st have us do, and may we attempt mighty things for Thee, for we know that to every service to which Thou callest us, Thou wilt supply the power. We thank Thee for the men and women of great faith and prayer. May we as women feel the responsibility of living in these days. May we have the passion to help in winning the world back to Thee.

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We would pray especially for all those who are serving Thee overseas. Uphold them by Thy grace. Fill them with Thy Holy Spirit. We thank Thee for the life of our beloved worker, Dr. Wilkie, for the pouring out of his life for India. Help us to fulfil his desire for the people of Gwalior, may we be faithful in prayer for them, for the native Christians, for those who are just babes in Christ, and for all who are in opposition to the gospel. May they all come to see the light of its glorious truth, and yield their lives to Jesus Christ. Bless, we pray Thee, our faithful workers, Dr. and Mrs. Goforth. We thank Thee for their long life service in China, for their powerful witness, and for the holy passion possessing them to tell the news of Thy great salvation.

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Pour out Thy Spirit, we beseech Thee, upon our Church. May our young men and women hear Thy call to service overseas. Thou hast bid us "go tell" and our lips have been silent. O forgive our disobedience. Now, as we bow in Thy Presence may we feel Thy touch upon our lives. Open our eyes to see the things that are eternal. Unstop our deaf ears that we may hear Thy voice with its word of power and authority. Receive and forgive us and draw us to Thyself and then send us forth again to do not our own will but THY WILL, proclaiming Thy gospel of glad tidings to those who know it not. We ask all in the name of Jesus. Amen."

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for September

"THE ROYAL ROAD"

Hymn—"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings* p. 312). *Scripture Reading*—Philippians 4:1, 4-9, 13, 19, 20. *Minutes. Business. Offering. Study Topics*—Chapter V.—Guideposts—Educational, School Homes, Library, Publications, Lantern and Magazine. *Hymn or Psalm. Prayer* followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison, or, if preferred, use the last section of the *Tidings* prayer.

Suggestions—Provide yourself with a copy of the leaflet "May We Help You With Your Programme on 'The Royal Road'," price 10 cents. With this and the study book you will have all you require to make an interesting meeting. Ask a number of the members to look through the advance reports and the September *Glad Tidings,* which is the Council number, for the latest information on the five study topics suggested. You will be surprised what an interesting meeting this will make, not only to the people who do the hunting but to those who listen.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

A Letter From the Moderator

Dear Girl Treasure Hunters in India:

First of all you young girls, you big girls, and you married girls, enlist the boys, big and little, in your hunt. You will never be able to dig out and find all the diamonds waiting, in the Vindhiya and Satpura Mountains, for the Presbyterian Church and for you, till the boys too join in the search with all the energy and zest they put into basketball or football.

Mangtio, son of the first Bhil convert in Amkhut, trained in our Amkhut Boarding School, then in the Bhil theological classes, then in English by Miss Robson and finally three years under Sir William Wanless at the Miraj Medical College, is a power for good, doctoring Bhils by good methods, casting out demons and has had wider influence than your average pastor or Sunday School Superintendent. He has even suffered for Christ's sake two months in gaol. People love him and trust him.

Bhajali, the first Amkhut girl convert, said, "I'm not going to

worship devils any longer, I'm going to worship God.'' Bhajali suffered great persecution by her friends and relations who wanted to compel her to give up her devotion to Christ. They even followed her with bows and arrows and a gun. But she remained firm and finally won sixteen of those persecuting relations to Christ. In her devotion to them and to Christ during the famine she lost her life. But the diamond still shines. Amkhut congregation is supporting fifteen teachers, preachers as their own missionaries. Choose out from your congregation treasure hunters for the King and send them to that rich mine in India. I have seen lots of these diamonds sticking out of the hill sides. Gather them up and polish them. Then you will be rich.

Your fellow hunter for treasure,

J. Buchanan.

You will welcome with delight the fascinating new mission study book for girls, ''Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands,'' by Miss Muriel J. Gray, Secretary for teen-age girl's work on the Council Executive of the W.M.S. Skilfully Miss Gray guides the searcher for treasures into India and British Guiana in ten hunts. The little verse prefacing each hunt anticipates the contents, *e.g.*, Hunt I:

Young friends if you seek out anew
That land so alluring of old,
You will find a rich treasure still there
More priceless than nuggets of gold.

But then, that's telling and you really must see it for yourself. Do let us have your order immediately so that you may be ready to begin your mission study, and—let me whisper it—the price is just 25c.

MISSION BANDS

PREPARATION MEETING

Beginning Again

Hymn.—''When His Salvation Bringing.'' *Bible Lesson.*—Psalm 120, read responsively. *Prayer.*—Our Church and Women's Missionary Society. *Class Text.*—''Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'' *Class hymn.*—''Jesus Bids Us Shine.'' *Offering and* Prayer. Address or memory tests on last book, ''New Chums.'' *Announce subject and study for next meeting,* and arrange for some Indian curios, if possible. A flag and two Indian costumes to be brought to it. *Closing Hymn.*—''Jesus Loves Me This I Know.''

Mission Band Prayer

Dear Jesus, bless our Mission Band,
And boys and girls in every land;
Some know not of Thy wondrous love
Nor of Thy home in heaven above.
Help us to send this news abroad
That all may come to know our God;
And they and we our sins forgiven,
May meet around Thy throne in heaven.

Amen.

NOTE.—As the new Mission Band study book is not yet off the press, we are providing leaders with an advance copy of the programme for the first meeting. We would also direct them to Mrs. Dill's message to the Council on page 292.—[EDITOR].

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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NEW Mission Bands have been formed this year at Willowdale—where the leader is a former missionary to the Sudan; Brooksley and North Lethbridge.

Mrs. Hammill, returning from Council, visited and addressed helpful meetings at Fort Saskatchewan, Vegreville, Vermilion and Lloydminster.

Dr. Margaret O'Hara spoke to a gathering of women and also the Sunday School of First Church, Edmonton, of her work in India.

Strathcona W.M.S. presented a Life Membership to Mrs. Lyttle, wife of the pastor, at the June meeting. Westmount held a special and well-attended Home Helpers meeting.

Miss McMurchy, Toronto, visited Olds on her way to the Assembly, and gave a splendid address on her visit to the Orient. The W.M. Aux. of the United Church postponed its meeting that the members might attend and hear Miss McMurchy, and a very helpful afternoon was spent.

The two C.G.I.T. groups are planning a summer camp, and one member may attend the Leaders' camp at Sylvan Lake.

St. Paul's Banff, heard a most inspiring address from Mrs. Ritchie, Council delegate. On Sunday evening, June 17th she spoke to a good congregation, and although the appeal was especially to women, the attention of the men was held as she gave instances of the great need of women missionaries, and recounted the many branches of work carried on in Canada under the W.M.S.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McQueen left June 27th on their three-months' trip to Europe.

Miss Cameron and Mrs. Dougherty, Montreal, Council delegates, visited Fort McMurray on their way, staying over there for the annual "picnic." On their trip they have visited all the centres of the W.M.S. work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. Wm. Cuthbert, 1820-5th Ave. West, Vancouver, Press Secretary

Annual Meeting

THE 14th annual meeting of the Provincial Society was held in Central Church, Vancouver, on May 29th, with a goodly number of delegates and visitors in attendance. All departments made encouraging reports. The four Presbyterials have met their allocations and a general feeling of enthusiasm prevails.

The keynote of all addresses was exhortation to more prayer. As it was tersely put by one: More prayer, more people. More people, more sacrifice. More sacrifice, more enlightenment. More enlightenment, the sooner will come the day of the World for Christ.

The President, Mrs. H. Pillar, in her address gave a short résumé of her years of office, from 1917 to 1923, and from 1925 to 1928, nine years of work in the W.M.S. of her beloved Church. It had been a service of love—a service well repaid by the blessings that had followed. In closing, she exhorted her hearers to carry on, making prayer their daily constant habit—only thus could they expect the strength and inspiration to go forward. She paid affectionate tribute to her helper and companion, during her nine years in office—Mrs. W. J. White, presenting her with a gold badge as a souvenir from herself.

Miss Pelton's address carried a powerful message on the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Toronto, gave helpful answers to queries, the keynote of her advice being: Use common sense in trying to be constitutional, what would suit one Society might not do for another.

The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. McKerroll and with reverent solemnity vows of loyalty were taken.

The Council convened the next day, which gave the delegates the opportunity of attending the meetings.

A unique event was the singing by ten tiny Chinese children, of one hymn in Chinese, and two in English. Miss Dickman, B.A., spoke of her work in the city among her own people, and stressed the fact that the entry to the homes lay in their work with the children.

MANITOBA

MRS. A. G. McDONALD, 702 FOURTEENTH ST., BRANDON, PRESS SECRETARY

Winnipeg P.S.—Successful Easter Thank-offering meetings were held at Calvin and First Church. Speakers at Calvin were Mrs. J. S. Hutchison and Mrs. A. M. Long. The Mission Band members assisted with the programme. The speaker at First Church was Mrs. E. A. Stirrett. Slides on the great paintings on the life of Christ, explained by Mr. E. J. Salter, followed. A mother and daughter banquet brought the activities of the young people of First Church to a close. Mrs. McKerroll, Toronto, and Mrs. Sellers, Winnipeg, addressed the two hundred girls present.

On May 22nd First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, had the privilege of having Mrs. D. Strachan address them on her recent visit to the mission fields of China, Japan, Korea, Manchuria, and Formosa. Mrs. Strachan stressed the fact that the Presbyterian Church had problems before her that called for the best efforts of every one. The difficulties were many and the work was pressing and in these days of transition we dare not slaken, but put all our energies into the work and pray. At the June meeting of the Mission Band, 9 seals were presented and 3 certificates. Mrs. H. A. Robson spoke to the children.

Knox Church, Morden W.M.S. held their Easter Thank-offering on the Sabbath evening, Mrs. J. S. Hutchison was the speaker. The offering of $40 was very gratifying for such a small group.

Knox Church W.M.S., Selkirk, had the privilege, on May 23rd, of having Mrs. W. Rochester, Toronto, a former member of Selkirk Auxiliary, and Mrs. J. R. McDonald, Winnipeg, bring them very helpful messages. Mrs. H. Fraser, Misses Ruby and Olive Epps and Roy Brandon also took part in the programme.

In honor of Mrs. A. M. Fraser who was leaving for the Old Land the Provincial and Presbyterial boards gave a dinner in the "Mikado" Tea Rooms. Mrs. J. S. Hutchison spoke very feelingly of Mrs. Fraser's great helpfulness and devotion to the work, and Mrs. McEachern presented Mrs. Fraser with a token of their love and esteem.

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

BARRIE P.S.—Over 200 delegates attended the 14th annual meeting in First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, June 13th and 14th. The sessions were full of interest and progress was reported in each department. The allocation was exceeded by $155 and a large number of bales sent to mission stations and hospitals. Over a ton of literature was supplied to camps and missionaries. *Glad Tidings* subscriptions number

972. Mrs. Cameron, of Allandale, was presented with an honorary membership in recognition of her long and faithful work in the Society. The special speaker was the Rev. F. W. McConnell, Paris.

Chatham P.S.—The Auxiliaries of Windsor, Leamington, Esses, Puce and Amherstburg held a sectional meeting at Leamington June 19th. Following reports of the work done this year, Mrs. Scott, President of Chatham Presbyterial, described the Council meeting at Vancouver. An honored guest was Mrs. Catherine McKinley Scott, "ninety-two years young," an Honorary Life Member of Puce Auxiliary and still an active worker.

Glengarry P.S. reports a record-breaking attendance at the 14th annual meeting at Finch, June 20th and 21st, 228 delegates being present. In addition to the departmental reports, the Treasurer announced the allocation exceeded. Mrs. W. J. McKillican, Moose Creek, reported the Provincial annual meeting at Guelph. Special speakers were Dr. Margaret O'Hara, Miss Bessie MacMurchy and Dr. Robert Johnson, of Ottawa.

Guelph P.S.—The C.G.I.T. conducted the June meeting of the Knox Church Auxiliary, Preston, one of their members also reporting the Provincial annual meeting at Guelph.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

Presbyterian Leaders' Conference, Huntingdon, Que.

WE had heard of our new School Home, at Huntingdon, but not until we arrived there for the Leaders' Conference (July 3-9) did we realize the beauty of the location and how well suited the home is to its purpose. Under the competent supervision of Rev. A. S. Reid and Mrs. Reid, and the efficient co-operation of Mrs. Gouldthorp, the management of our first Quebec Conference left nothing to be desired.

The Conference itself was held in St. Andrew's Church, a beautiful stone building, to which we were welcomed by Rev. Dr. MacLean. The morning sessions were divided into four periods:

1. A course of lectures on the "Poetry of the Old Testament" by Rev. T. B. McCorkindale, D.D., Levis, Que., which revealed new beauties and treasures and a vast unexplored field for study in the Old Testament.

2. Fascinating talks by Rev. A. R. Osborn of Cornwall, on "How to prepare, present and illustrate a Sunday School lesson."

3. Addresses by Miss Edith Sinclair on work for teen-age girls. No girl or boy could leave Huntingdon without a new vision of his or her responsibility to our Church and an ardent desire to measure up to the ideal so earnestly and winsomely set before them by Miss Sinclair.

4. A clear outline of the work of the W.M.S. by Mrs. A. W. Pae, Corresponding Secretary, Montreal Presbyterial.

At 6.30 a helpful Round Table Conference on Sunday School problems was conducted in the Home by Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., Secretary for Young People's work.

There were five evening sessions. Two were devoted to addresses by Dr. Kannawin, Mr. Osborn and Miss Sinclair; two to a presentation, by Mrs. Pae, of the W.M.S. work, illustrated by lantern views; the fifth to a pageant entitled "World Fellowship."

Rev. Mr. Osborn took the Sabbath morning service, and at the close Miss Sinclair addressed the Sunday School. Dr. MacLean's sermon at night on "The Church's challenge to our Young People" was a fitting conclusion to the Conference.

In the evening in the Home, Miss Sinclair spoke to the girls, making an earnest appeal for a deeper Christian life. Recreation and social joys were also provided for the 45 delegates who had gathered from Ontario and Quebec. Everybody left for home feeling that they were taking with them a new outlook and fresh inspiration for greater endeavor.

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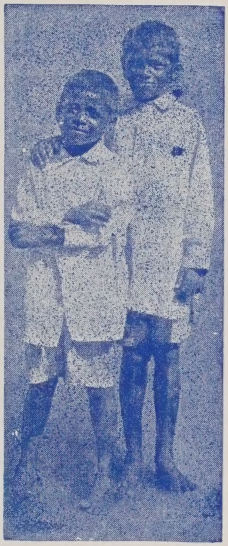

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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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The Glad Tidings

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Editorial

A Thanksgiving

Lord, for the erring thought
Not into evil wrought;
Lord, for the wicked will
Betrayed, and baffled still;
For the heart, from itself kept,
Our thanksgiving accept.

For ignorant hopes that were
Broken to our blind prayer;
For pain, death, sorrow, sent
Unto our chastisement;
For all loss of seeming good,
Quicken our gratitude!

—*W. D. Howells*

NEVER since the art of printing was invented has the printed page been such a factor in directing the thinking of men and women as it is to-day. The progress of the work of the Kingdom and the promotion of the activities of the Church and W.M.S. are largely dependent upon the message carried into the homes of the people by our church papers. The W.M.S. as part of the Church, can render a large service in the furtherance of the work of missions if its members will make an effort to place a copy of the magazine of the Society in every Presbyterian home and see that every branch is provided with a copy of the 1928-29 study book.

With justifiable pride we announce that, this year, three study books on our own work, and written by members of our W.M.S., are available for Auxiliaries, Young People's Societies and Mission Bands.

The Royal Road, published last autumn, is to form the basis of study in the Auxiliaries. If any Society has gone hastily through this book we would suggest that this year they make an intensive study of it, as when it was published it was understood that it was to be used for two years.

May We Help You with the Programme on the Royal Road? with its varied topics and helpful suggestions on the conduct of meetings should be of great help to leaders in preparing their programme.

Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands is the title of the new book for teen-age girls. Everybody loves the name and all are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the book so that they may begin the *Hunt* through the treasure lands of India and British Guiana. This book does not deal in such commonplace terms as chapters, for, after all, what have chapters to do with treasure hunts? We hope the girls will like its soft crimson coat and warm brown lettering. We know they will like the story it contains

for it was compiled by Miss Muriel Gray, who has the interest of the young people so much at heart.

Light Bearers is the happy title of the new Mission Band book. It is quite the prettiest we have ever issued for the little folks. The cover reminds you of golden grain and the lettering and torch design is in soft green. To Mrs. J. W. Dill, Mrs. A. R. Riddell and Miss J. Florence Lang we are indebted for its preparation, and we assure the little folks and their leaders that they will greatly enjoy all the interesting things the book has to tell about the work for boys and girls in India and British Guiana.

Both these new books are based on the "Royal Road."

The Annual Report has fifty pages more than last year. It required that number to cover the account of the first full year's work of the institutions assigned us by the Dominion Property Commission and the official reports of the Church and W.M.S. members who were appointed by the General Assembly to visit our overseas fields.

The allocation is as follows: 3 to each Auxiliary and Young Women's Auxiliary; 1 to each Associate Society, C.G.I.T. Group and Mission Band. Copies also go to the officers of the Council Executive, Provincial and Presbyterial Boards, to all our missionaries and the ministers of our Church. We hope that the officers will share their copies with the members and that everyone will read the official reports of the Assembly's Delegation. We also urge that early in the year one meeting be devoted to the Annual Report.

The Chart on the work of the W.M.S. should be hung on the wall of every lecture room and the names of new missionaries added as appointments are made.

The Prayer Card (new) if faithfully followed assures our missionaries of our particular prayer thought of them throughout a definite period.

The prices of all these books appear under Publications on page 361.

INTERESTING STUDY BOOKS ON AFRICA have been prepared by the Central Committee, U.S.A. While Africa is an entrancing theme, we have no missions there and, as we still have our own study book, we are not featuring these books but they are for sale in the office. The list includes "Friends of Africa" (for women), 50c. and 75c.; "Livingstone, the Pathfinder" (seniors and intermediates), 75c. and $1.00; "Camp Fires in the Congo" (juniors), 50c. and 75c.; "The Call Drum" (primary), 60c., etc.

As the home mission problem in the U.S.A. and Canada differs, their national text books do not meet our need, but for libraries or story telling hours "Under the North Star" (juniors), and "Windows in Alaska" (primary), might be helpful. Price 75c. each.

The Glad Tidings, the official organ of the Society, should be in every Presbyterian home. Every number has interesting messages from our missionaries, but for those who wish a bird's eye view of the work of our Society, we would refer them to the September issue which is the Council meeting number.

Church Union and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by Rev. Ephraim Scott, D.D., a clear and convincing presentation of the twenty years conflict for religious liberty by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, is now ready. Every Presbyterian woman should possess a copy, it being valuable as an authentic history of this great movement. The *Montreal Star* speaks truly when it says: "There should be a favorable reception for the book not only among Presbyterians but with readers generally who want to have reference to a dependable outline of the reason for the faith which now as ever unites into one an invaluable portion of the church life of Canada."

Roads to the City of God, by Basil Mathews, and *The World's Mission of Christianity,* a summing up of the International Missionary Council at Jerusalem are warmly commended.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE the receipt of the following annual reports from Sister Societies: 51st annual report of the Women's Missionary Society (E.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; reports of the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America; 36th annual report of Women's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church, New South Wales; 37th annual report of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union of Victoria; 36th annual report of the Women's Missionary Union of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland; 49th annual report of the Women's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church in England.

IN THE JUNE "GLAD TIDINGS," there is a little mistake in the report on South China. Speaking of Hackett Medical College, it says, "This is an interdenominational college for women and Dr. MacBean's work here consists in training Chinese girls as nurses to help meet the great medical need of China."

The college is for training medical students who go out as doctors to meet the great medical need. There is a large hospital in connection with the medical college and it has a training school for nurses—"The Turner Training School for Nurses"—an entirely separate institution and not on the same compound. There are fifty-two student nurses in training and Dr. MacBean is this year lecturing to them, too, but most of her time is given to the medical college.

A SERVICE OF REAL VALUE but one that, because it was unknown, has gained no recognition, is that rendered by Miss Moscrip of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Stratford. Miss Moscrip holds no official position and her name does not appear in any record of Chinese workers, but for almost thirty years she has been untiring in her work for these people. During that time she has had, in the church and later in her own home, a class of Chinese boys. Then on each evening of the week a number of boys came for help with their public school studies. In the case of two bright lads, George and Harry Wong, this help enabled them to take two years in one. This zealous worker for the Master is a charter member of the W.M.S. of First Church, St. Mary's, and was for many years Honorary President of Stratford Presbyterial. But above and beyond these honors is an even greater—the knowledge that her work for the Chinese has not been in vain. In almost every town a similar work might be done by voluntary workers.

OUTGOING MISSIONARIES. On September 6th there sailed on the *Empress of Canada* from Vancouver, three new W.M.S. missionaries: Miss Jean C. MacLean, of Almonte, evangelist, to Japan; Miss Margaret M. Ramsay, of Brantford, evangelist, and Miss Dorothy Douglas, of Lucknow, teacher, to Formosa. On August 10th, Miss A. Mary Murray, B.A., principal of high school, New Amsterdam, sailed for British Guiana. This makes eleven new missionaries to be appointed to overseas work in one year.

Missionaries returning to their fields include Miss Lily A. Simpson, W.M.S. nurse, Gwalior, India, who was appointed by the Church to accompany Dr. and Mrs. Wilkie on what proved to be Dr. Wilkie's last journey, and Mrs. D. E. McDonald, who is going out to join her husband in Jobat, India, and taking her seven little children with her. Miss S. B. Elliott, of Toronto, a graduate of the Bible Training College, Toronto, who is going out to be married to Mr. Toombs, of Amkhut, is also a member of the party. They sail October 5th by the *Duchess of Bedford* from Montreal and *The City of Paris* from Liverpool, October 17th. For those young missionaries who are nearing their destination and for those still on the sea let us all pray.

WE WOULD FOLLOW WITH PRAYERFUL THOUGHT, Dr. Margaret O'Hara, who is touring Ontario in the interests of the W.M.S., Miss Lamont and Miss Pelton, who are doing intensive work, the former in the Province of Quebec, the latter in the west, and Miss Sinclair who will devote herself to the young people in Ontario.

MISS OLIVE ROSS, Superintendent of Fort McMurray Hospital, paid an unexpected visit to Toronto in July. Unfortunately, most of the Council Executive were out of town, but those who were at home count it a great privilege to have met this splendid woman and to have heard from her own lips a little of the sad and glad things that fill the life of a pioneer nurse in an outpost hospital.

MISS HATTIE JUE, our Chinese worker in Montreal, recently paid a visit to Halifax. While there she was afforded the opportunity of holding a service for Chinese boys on two successive Sunday evenings in the home where she was a guest. Some eighteen were present. The young men assisted Miss Jue in the service, one leading in prayer, another reading in Chinese the matchless Parable of the Prodigal Son and giving a brief talk on its meaning.

ON AUGUST 26TH, 1928, there died in Zamboanga, Philippine Islands, Mrs. John A. MacMillan, of Toronto. Mrs. MacMillan, as Miss Isabel Robson, served as a missionary in North Central China under the China Inland Mission for nine years, and then was invalided home. But ill health did not spell inactivity, for she became editor of "China's Millions" and for ten years had charge of the Chinese women's class held in Knox Church, Toronto, and gave part time service under the W.M.S., visiting the women in their homes, of whom there were thirty-three and twenty-six children. Mrs. MacMillan loved the Chinese women and they in turn gave her of their unstinted affection, knowing that she was their true friend.

On January 16th, 1923, Mr. and Mrs. MacMillan were appointed by the Christian and Missionary Alliance to work in Wuchow, South China. In 1926, owing to the unsettled conditions prevailing in China, foreign missionaries had to leave, and Mr. MacMillan was appointed director of the work of the mission in Zamboanga, Philippine Islands.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mr. MacMillan and his son, "Buchanan", in their great loss. Mr. and Mrs. MacMillan were members of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

OUR MEMBERS WOULD SORROW with Miss Helen McEwen, our Student Secretary, who has been called upon to part with her dear mother. Mrs. McEwen's death removes one of the most loyal and generous members of our Church and W.M.S. We pray God's comfort for her daughter now so alone.

IT IS INTERESTING to know that over seventy addresses were given by eighteen Ontario Provincial officers while in British Columbia for the Council meeting and on their way home, and complete returns are not all in.

DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER: The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (E.D.) at Charlottetown, P.E.I., October 3rd and 4th; The World Day of Prayer February 15th, 1929.

HOLIDAYS AND A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING between the printer and our office regarding the return of the mailing list was responsible for the late arrival of the September *Glad Tidings*. We regret the delay the more especially as it was the Council Number.

A Royal Baby Arrives

MISS ISABEL MCCONNELL

I HAVE been putting off writing expecting to have better news than what I am now about to write. I did not write when the Maitland baby arrived as I wanted to tell you about the Rani's baby too.

Major T— had been corresponding with me when I was at Jobat and I could see he was anxious for me to be at Amkhut in case they had to send for me in a hurry. I wired him from Jobat when leaving, and only got back from Bombay when he sent a car for me. Arriving in C—U— they told me there was no hurry but they wanted me to be on the spot. I arrived on Sunday, March 18th, stayed with Mrs. T— until Tuesday morning when a car came from the palace with a message for me to come over right away. I got there and found the Rani in labor so wired to Baroda for the doctor. She arrived ten minutes before the baby, a little girl, six and a half pounds, was born. Needless to say it was a great disappointment when we told them the baby was a girl. There was a lot of weeping.

The little Rani was very well until the fifth day when she got malaria, then a breast abscess which was opened by a specialist from Baroda. Her temperature kept up and, at the end of the second week, we had to get another nurse as I was doing twenty-four hour duty. There was absolutely no improvement so her brother sent to Bombay for a specialist, also to Jobat for Dr. Maitland. She became delirious and was very toxic as her fever had been running from 102° to 105°. Col. H—, also Dr. Maitland, said it was malaria and the breast, which caused the temperature. The poor child had no desire to live, her mother and brothers told her that the Rajah would get another Rani because the baby was a girl. In her delirium it was pathetic to hear her ask if the

Rajah loved her, as her mother said he did not. She said to me, "Miss McConnell, don't try to make me better, I have lost my son and have no desire to live." She refused to swallow anything and for nearly a week we were giving intravenous and stimulants. On Tuesday, April 10th, she developed an acute endocarditis and at 9.45 p.m. passed away.

The brothers asked the nurses to leave the room a few minutes before she died as they wanted only Indians. Never do I want to go through such an experience again. The weeping and wailing for half an hour was dreadful. About one hundred women were there. Nobody was supposed to weep before she died, but everybody had to weep and wail for a half hour after. The Rajah was not permitted to see the Rani for hours before she died. Poor little man, my sympathy went out to him as he seemed to be left entirely alone. A short time after the Rani died, the drawing room downstairs was emptied and she was carried down and put in a chair sitting Indian fashion. She wore a green and gold saree and had on many jewels. In the morning at seven o'clock the body was put in another chair and carried round the town, headed by the band. After that it was taken to the river where wood had been piled and the chair was set on top of the wood pile then the fire was lit. It was all very ghastly.

The Rani had never been seen in C— U—, yet when she was dead she was carried around for everybody to see. It seems a crime to think of this girl of eighteen being taken, but she had no desire to live, she was not interested in the baby or in life.

Mrs. T— had everything beautifully arranged for me and I had everything to work with. The baby looked like the Rajah at first but now she looks like her mother. One of the nurses (by the way, a third came a few days before she died) was staying to look after baby, but this morning the Rajah's mother was very indignant when a nurse for the baby was mentioned. I fear the poor little thing's days will be numbered when they have charge of her as nobody wants her. They say girls are a curse in India. The baby is really a darling and we have been spoiling her a lot. She will not get much more love, I fear, once Mrs. T— lets her go. She has been staying here at Mrs. T—'s home for the last two days, before that I bathed her, made her feedings and then Mrs. T— brought her home for the day. We nurses were so busy we could not give the baby the care she needed and Mrs. T— adores her.

Dr. Maitland was here until the end, we will all leave to-morrow. I feel thankful they brought him as he was from our Mission too, and was liked very much by the relatives. It is hard to realize that so much has happened in three weeks.

The Rajah from Alirajpur was anxious to know if I would be free in two months as the Prince's wife expects a baby then. No more nursing for me for some time, and especially royalty.

When Col. H— was leaving he told me I was to be congratulated on staying so long doing twenty-four hour duty under such circumstances. The Rani's mother and brother were horrible to me at first, but when another nurse came demanding maids to wait on her, etc., they changed their attitude to me and would have done anything. I was glad to have had the experience as I got an insight into Indian life that I never could have believed possible. More and more "Mother India" is true to life.

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About a week ago the Rajah's mother gave me a very pretty thin gold bracelet.

A letter containing news of the baby's death has just arrived.

Commenting on this incident the Rev. John Buchanan, M.D., D.D., says: "We had hoped to have had our own M.D. lady also, but anyway, the fact that the Rajah of Alirajpur wanted Miss McConnell to go there shows that the hand of the Lord, even in the sad circumstance, was with Miss McConnell preparing the way before the Church. Though Miss McConnell lost a month at C— U— in language study, yet it was great gain, for such another so wide opportunity might not occur again."

What I Have Learned About Amkhut

MISS MARIAN W. WILLIAMSON

I DO not know how much you know about Amkhut but will start with the supposition that you do not know anything.

First of all, it is a valley, surrounded by very high hills, which are covered with forest, where wild animals such as the tiger, jackal, panther, cheetah and monkey, and reptiles such as the cobra and smaller and more dangerous snakes, are found.

These animals rarely attack people and they say will not attack a party of people even at night, but if driven by hunger they come close to the huts. They will carry off animals if they can, but such events are rare in these days.

We climbed a huge hill near our bungalow last Tuesday. The only animals we saw were a band of monkeys. They were having quite a fight when we came up, but in face of a common foe forgot their quarrel and bounded off. We could hear them quite near us, but they kept out of sight.

From the top of the hill we got an excellent view of the mission compound and the Amkhut valley with the Amkhut river winding in and out

among the hills. Looking to the west, we could see four distinct ranges of hills. Here and there was a small clearing which meant a little village. We were up the hill just in time to see the sun set and it was quite dark as we came down; but we had one small flashlight among three of us so got home without accident.

The mission compound consists of fourteen or sixteen acres of land. It is in the form of a square. In the southeast corner is Dr. Buchanan's bungalow. In the southwest corner is the church which is the school on week days. North from the church is the ladies' bungalow. East of us is the dispensary. In the northwest corner is the girls' hostel and in the northeast corner the boys' hostel. The buildings are not close together except our bungalow, the church and the dispensary. There are servants' houses close to each bungalow.

Some of the land is under cultivation and some is in grass. The oxen and horses are pasturing on it now.

The dispensary is the oldest building. It was Dr. Buchanan's first home. He came in here with one native Christian man. He did not want to bring outsiders to do the building work so, after he had won the confidence of the Bhils, this house was begun. It was built of sun-dried brick. The Bhils knew nothing about laying bricks or following a line and he had to watch carefully or they would discard his line and lay them crooked. This building has since been enlarged and used as a dispensary but it is dear to the doctor's heart as in the building of this house he got in touch with the Bhils. He had a service with them each morning and afternoon before starting work, and he still does. Each morning about 6:30 the bell rings and the men come to his bungalow and he has a service with them.

Their present home was quite a curiosity when it was built. The Bhils had never seen anything so big and they came for miles to see the house and asked to be shown through it, a request which was willingly granted.

The mission buildings are of brick and stone, whitewashed. They are whitewashed after the rainy season, as the heavy rains leave them discolored. The buildings have wide verandahs which keep the sun from shining directly on the windows or doors. The main floors are of concrete, but the floors in the upstairs of the ladies' bungalow are made of wood.

There are about forty-five girls and three little boys in the girls' hostel. Some are orphans, and some are the children of Christian parents in the surrounding districts where there are no schools. There is about the same number of boys in the boys' hostel.

The school teachers are Bhil Christians. Some of them are famine orphans. Their story is quite tragic. During the great famine some years ago people in other districts sent in loads of sick children and grown people.

Some died on the way, but others managed to survive and were brought up here and now are teaching in the school.

In school the children sit on the floor. In Church the people sit on mats on the floor. The women sit on one side and the men on the other. The babies crawl around sometimes and maybe cry a little bit, but it never bothers anyone. As a rule the babies here are very good during the service. Fathers seem to take their share of the family responsibility and to be very fond of their children.

Practically all over India the question of water supply is a pressing one, and it is the custom to boil all water before using it. However, Amkhut is blessed with a wonderful spring. Dr. Buchanan walled it in so that water pours out from the side of a wall. People hold their pots under this stream to get clean, pure water to drink, and do not have the work of boiling it. This spring has never failed. In the driest weather it kept flowing but the stream was smaller. Carrying all the water for a household is quite a task. The people carry it in pots on their heads. When the doctor first walled in the spring some people said to others round about that if they drank that water they would become Christians.

We do not have cow's milk here. The cow is a sacred animal in India and is not used for dairy purposes as it is in Canada. Instead, we have buffalo milk and like it. In fact, we cannot taste much difference. Butter made from buffalo milk is white like lard.

Our cook has been trained by Miss Robson and so cooks like Canadians. One expects to find everything different from what we have at home, but it is a delightful surprise to find that it is not. Of course, in a new station things would not be so comfortable and convenient as they are here, and this is the result of years of hard labor.

The people have no clocks in their homes and everything is regulated by the ringing of the church bell. Its ring at a certain time conveys the idea that it is time for service, time for school, time to do or stop doing any of the many duties of the day.

The Bhils are average in size, not fat, but strong and sinewy. They have black hair, which they wear rather long. Their features are something like those of the negro, but finer. They have black eyes and very white teeth which are quite noticeable when they smile. Their skins are quite dark and their native dress consists mainly of a loin cloth. The Christians wear more clothes than the non-Christians. Some wear trousers, shirt and coat and some wear native trousers, which consist of a piece of cloth draped up in a mysterious fashion.

The women wear long, full skirts, which they have a way of tucking up when working or walking in the fields. They wear a shawl on their

heads. The older women keep their faces covered in public but the younger ones do not do that. They seem to be partial to red clothes. The women wear many bracelets on their arms and ankles, rings on their fingers and necklaces. The more you have of these decorations the more your husband loves you.

The girls presented Miss Maxwell, Miss McConnell and myself with a pair of bracelets. I was the only one who could get them on as they were rather small. I made the mistake of putting both on one arm and to their eyes I look unbalanced, but it was such a squeeze to get them on that on they have to stay.

We have had a special time the last three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They call it the Mela (may la), which I believe means somewhat the same as "gathering." The people from the surrounding district were invited, from the different mission stations, and they came long distances on foot and on horseback to attend the meetings. Some walked forty miles here and forty miles home again. Different services were taken by the doctor in charge of the dispensary, our language teacher, the visiting preachers and Dr. Buchanan. The children had one afternoon to show what they have learned. Friday night there were lantern pictures and impromptu talks on the different pictures were given by various persons that Dr. Buchanan called on.

Saturday night the children put on a drama, the theme of which was, "Seeking the Light." An Indian tries the Hindu religion, then the faith of Islam and finally finds peace and joy in the religion of Christ. It was good considering that they only made one previous attempt. The parts were composed by the head school master, our language teacher and the doctor. They also composed one or two songs which were used in the drama.

Sunday's meetings were a fine climax. Eleven babies were baptized. Then the Lord's Supper was observed. It is not observed very often and is made very impressive. The native bread is used. It is very thin. Wine is served in a leaf. First one elder passed the leaves. By putting a little pleat in one side the leaf made a little cup. Another elder put a spoonful of wine in the leafy cup and a third one collected the used leaves on a tray. Everything is done quietly. They move about on the cement floor in their bare feet. We sang the old familiar Communion hymn, " 'Twas on that night when doomed to know the eager rage of every foe," in Hindi, of course, nevertheless we got the spirit of it.

In the afternoon two more babies were baptized. The minister from Barwani led the service and it took the form of a testimony meeting after the sermon. One man they are specially pleased over was cured of the opium habit by Dr. Maitland. He is a fine speaker and is a great power in spreading the gospel. You might wonder why they take opium. They

usually start when they are tired from overwork, perhaps when carrying a heavy burden for miles. The opium destroys that sense of weariness.

Dr. Buchanan has trained his people in Christian giving. They give their tenth and often more. As the collection plate is passed the collector calls out the name of the person and the amount and Dr. Buchanan writes it down in his book.

Mrs. Buchanan gives the women Bible instruction every day from one to two o'clock. Miss Maxwell has started with some newcomers to the community, who are not able to keep up with Mrs. Buchanan's class.

Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan have an interest in every person and every family and a deep interest in the work of the whole district. I meant to tell you before how the doctor got his first contact with the Bhils here. When he first came they would not come near him and when he tried to visit them in their homes they would run and hide in the jungle. One day when a party were out hunting a wild boar ripped one man very badly. Some one suggested that the doctor could do something for him so they brought him in and the doctor stitched up his wound. The man recovered and after that they began to be friendly towards the doctor. The Bhils are very timid. The first one that the doctor showed his watch to and held it up to his ear to hear it tick, ran off into the jungle.

This is the beginning of the cool season. The crops have just been planted and they will be harvested in March. We have set out tomato plants. Potatoes are not grown here successfully. Rice takes their place.

Although this is the cold season you wouldn't think it very cool. The days are quite hot and the slightest exertion tires one but the nights now are cool and we have use for our blankets. The rains are just over. We have had a couple of rainy days since we came. Dr. Buchanan says there was more rain this year than any year he can remember since he has been here. The result is much malaria, which is apt to recur if you once take it.

The Bhil huts are built at some distance from each other and usually on a slight eminence. They are mostly of mud plastered over branches of trees. The main timbers are cut from big trees brought from the jungle. The roofs are jungle grass or sunbaked tiles. Round each hut is a strong hedge of thorn branches, forming an enclosure into which the goats and cattle are driven at night for protection from robbers and from wild beasts. The floors of the huts are of mud.

In religion the Bhils are animists, or demon worshippers. They believe that evil spirits are all about, living in the trees, in the rocks and such places. Once the doctor wanted to buy some trees for building purposes from a Bhil. The man was willing to sell, but his neighbors would not allow him. They said spirits lived in those trees and that they would come and torment them if their homes were destroyed. Because they believe in

spirits it is not difficult to teach them about God as a Spirit, as if they worshipped idols or things seen.

From what I have told you of our Bhil Christians I think you will agree that they are thorough Christians. With an adequate staff of evangelists Dr. Buchanan believes it possible to carry the gospel to every part of this Bhil country within a very few years. There are thousands who have not yet heard the gospel. We had a few men from a village at our Mela. They came just to see and hear for themselves. There is no work carried on in their village and all the villagers are interested in hearing the gospel, but at present there is no one to send to them.

The staff here consists of Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan, the pioneers in this district, and Miss Robson who is in charge of the school work and work under the W.M.S. In addition we have Miss Maxwell, whose home is in Kansas. She is an evangelist and goes soon to Sardi, a little village about five miles from here, where no work is being carried on at present. Then there are Miss McConnell, Mr. Toombes and myself who are learning the language. Besides these there is an Indian doctor in charge of the dispensary, the head schoolmaster, and our language teacher who are also Indian. All the other people here are Bhils.

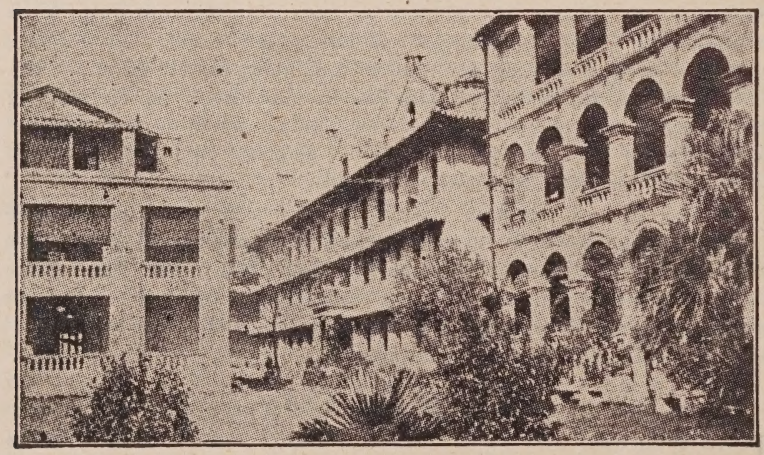
Well I think I have told you enough about this place and its people to make you interested in it, at least more interested than you may have been before. If you could only see the bright and happy faces of the Christian boys and girls and men and women you would just love them as we did the minute we saw them and "to know the Bhils is to love them."

Hospital Day

JUNE 15th, was observed as "Hospital Day," in Canora, Sask., when some two hundred people responded to the invitation of the superintendent, Miss M. G. Cuddy, and paid a visit to the "Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital and inspected this fine public institution. Surprise was expressed by many at the well-equipped operating rooms, the X-ray room and the splendid nurses' home. Particular interest was evinced in the new and lately installed sterilizer, which was made possible by generous donations from the citizens of Canora, Preeseville, Sturgis, Tadmore, Invermay, Mikado, Verigin, and the districts surrounding. It will be of general interest to learn that this hospital has been approved by the Western Canadian Medical Association, and is now recognized as standardized. Its benefits to the whole country in this part of Saskatchewan is common knowledge, and the hundreds of patients who have found relief and added health through treatment received within its walls have proved the best advertisement of its great worth.

A Short Historical Sketch of Hackett Medical College and Affiliated Institutions

WHEN in 1899, Dr. John G. Kerr left Canton Hospital to found the hospital for the insane which has since been named after him, he took the male students of his medical class with him to finish their course of study there. He could not take his female students. This was the occasion for starting the Kwongtung Medical College for Women, by Dr. Mary H. Fulton of the American Presbyterian Mission, North. It was the first attempt in China to teach medicine to women in a school for women only. An early report contains the following statement,



Mary Fulton Hall and Dormitory Building (in middle).
Hackett Medical College for Women, Canton

"Therefore, though having neither money nor buildings, she decided to open the school in the beginning of the year 1901." In 1902 the training school for nurses was also organized. This organization of hospital and schools was an act of faith, faith inspired by a great need.

The location chosen for this work was in the western suburb of Canton, which has been for years a residence section for rich and poor alike. To the south and to the east stretches the great city while to the north and to the west is open country with its canals, rivers and fields.

The first building used for the Medical College was the ground floor of the First Presbyterian Church. The older alumnæ tell of clearing away the breakfast dishes to have their out-patient clinic in the same room, and using the same furniture. When the hospital was crowded and

a serious obstetrical case came, that needed to be admitted, a student had sometimes to give up her own bed so as to be able to help the patient.

In 1903, and again in 1905, the first medical college buildings were erected with money given by Mr. E. A. K. Hackett, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. When these were dedicated in 1905 the college was renamed in his honor, The Hackett Medical College for Women. Other early donors were Mr. David Gregg, in whose honor the hospital was named, and Mrs. C. P. Turner, in whose honor the training school for nurses was named. There were other individual donors, both American and Chinese. Above all, the Women's Board of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., until its merger into the General Board, has stood back of the institution. Since then this Board has done its best to provide workers, and funds for buildings.

From the very beginning, though the school was under Presbyterian Mission control, it was, "for all practical purposes a union institution" both in staff and student body. Dr. Mary Fulton and her few colleagues began with nothing but faith and a firm determination to succeed. It has required much faith and hard work ever since. By the time new buildings, new equipment and new staff members came, the need for still more had already arisen. Due to the rapid growth of the work the supply has never been sufficient to meet the need. Hackett has learned to use many makeshifts. In the beginning the dining room and the out-patient clinic room were one and the same place. To-day the out-patient clinic has outgrown its building and has spread up into the laboratories, even the anatomical laboratories during the summer months. From the beginning, Hackett and its affiliated institutions have been entirely self-supporting, as far as current expenses are concerned, except for the salaries of its foreign staff. All gifts from abroad or from China have been or will be invested in permanent equipment.

Hackett has graduated 155 students during its twenty-seven years. This includes the students who came to it from Dr. Kerr's class. The graduates have scattered to at least ten of the provinces of China, to Hongkong, Maco, Singapore, Java, and Borneo. About 60 per cent. are in private practice, 20 per cent. are in the employ of missions, and the rest are with government or other native charities, doing post-graduate study or are not practising.

In 1917 the aim that the staff had set for itself was "a school of 40 students as an ideal." We have long since reached this ideal, having at times passed the 60 mark. There has been steady improvement in the courses of study offered. The original course of four years for medical students has been lengthened to six years of thirty-six weeks each. As soon as the staff and the premises are available another year

will be added to the preparatory period. Entrance into the pre-medical year is granted to students who are at least 18 years of age, and have satisfactory recommendations of character and ability. Those presenting diplomas of graduation from accredited middle schools or the diploma of the Nurses' Association of China will be admitted without examination. All others must pass examinations in Chinese reading and essay writing, geography, English and arithmetic. The instruction throughout the course is given in Cantonese.

The next four years constitute the regular medical course plus three to six hours of English and one hour of Bible per week. This necessitates a very heavy schedule. During the two pre-clinical years the required number of hours is, lectures and recitations, 882 hours; laboratory, 1,278 hours; total, 2,160.

The sixth year of study is a required interneship in an approved hospital. During this year the student has a rotating service of two months each in clinical laboratory and drugroom, medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology and surgery. The student is expected to write a thesis. She is recommended for graduation only after the approval of the hospital where the interne work was done.

There are a few scholarships for worthy Christian students. These are for tuition only. They are granted only when the following conditions are met:

1. The student must bring a recommendation from the school previously attended.

2. She must maintain an average grade of 80 per cent.

3. She must be exemplary in her conduct and must be willing to assist in some line of work while in school. It is presumed that she will go into some form of mission medical work for a period of years.

4. All funds loaned from the scholarship fund must be refunded to the college three years after graduation.

Early application should be made. There are no scholarships for the pre-medical year.

During the past year there were 58 students in the medical college, classified as follows: interne year, 8; fourth year 7; third year 15; second year 12; first year 10; pre-medical year 6.

The small number in the pre-medical class is accounted for not only by political disturbances but also by the more careful selection of the students. There were besides these medical students, six pharmacy students and forty-eight student nurses.

A few words about the future will not be out of place. There is but one factor of uncertainty, which, to be sure, is a very vital one;

that is the political condition in China, the attitude toward foreign controlled and Christian institutions. Were this favorable there is every reason to hope for a rapid development in every respect. The institution shows steady growth in its material equipment, in the number and training of its staff, in the standard of its work, in the quality and enthusiasm for learning of its students. When all around there were student strikes, the Hackett students lost no opportunity to get all that was to be had in the way of training in spite of their heavy schedule. There is also a growing helpfulness among the alumnæ, many of whom have become influential members of society. Last, but not least, is the growing favor with which the institution is accepted by the people and its increasing ability for self-support. The hardest years are in the past, the future is full of promise.

—*J. Allen Hofmann, M.D., in The China Medical Journal.*

Busy Days in Hackett Medical College

Dr. Jessie A. MacBean

COLLEGE is closed, students are away home, and part of the staff away on holiday. I go for my holiday August 1st and will be so ready for the rest. My department has been very busy the past three weeks as both my assistants are away.

Our commencement exercises were a huge success and the graduation service very dignified and impressive. We marched from our college campus down to the large Presbyterian Church where convocation was held, faculty, alumni, graduating classes, medical students, pharmacy and nursing students, a goodly procession, and it afforded great pleasure to the people on the streets. But oh! we all wish graduation took place in the winter, for those gowns on a blistering hot day were almost too much!

The year's report for the obstetrical department, like all the reports, shows the effect of our troublous times. This, the first month of our new year, is most encouraging. We are away ahead in numbers of any month last year, however, there is no telling when we may be upset again, we just keep hoping that all will be well.

To report on what I am actually doing I may say, in the hospital I have charge of obstetrics, that means I am responsible for the department.

In college I teach obstetrics to the second, third and fourth year students, and take the third and fourth year students to the cases in hospital for practical demonstrations. Our department has started a

pre-natal clinic which, we hope, will, in time, develop into something worth while.

In the Nurses' Training School I was teaching obstetrics only until January, 1928. Since then I have had a class in medicine and one in first aid nursing as Miss Jones, Superintendent of nurses, was called home by cable and we all had to help out in the teaching. In addition, I am helping our assistant doctors three hours a week with English, so do not have much free time.

My lectures are as follows: 8 hours a week with the nurses; 8 hours a week with the medical students; 1 hour every morning with a group of students in ward rounds from 7 a.m. till 8 or 8.30 a.m.; 3 hours a week English with the doctors.

Miss Jessie MacBean, M.D., of Hackett Medical College, Canton

Statistics for the year show: number of babies born, 374, total deaths, 50; number of patients treated, 610, number of deaths, 12.

I have practical work with third and fourth year students in delivery room and am also on the "Religious Work Committee" which has charge of student chapel on Sunday. The students used to go out to city churches for service, but for two years we have had our own Church here, and Mr. Tam, the pastor, is very good. Our service is in the morning and all students and nurses are expected to attend. In the afternoon they are free to go to their homes or to other services.

Life here is most interesting, it is strenuous, of course, but it is fine to be in touch with so many bright young lives, and feel that you have a little share in helping them to become "worth while women." I am more than ever impressed with the fact that the great need, the essential qualification, is a capacity for friendship, so that we may lead these, our friends, to our Great Friend. Sometimes the way is hard, the days are long, one grows weary and the heart is sad, but always comes the assurance, that away at home a great body of women are praying for this, their work, and so new courage comes, and we go on sure that God is answering prayer. My motto for this year is "Rejoice in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice."

Pioneering in Toanan

ROSALIND GOFORTH

TOANAN is a large city of between eighty and one hundred thousand people, situated in the midst of a vast plain two hundred and twenty miles northwest of Szepingkai, where we have worked for the past year. To the west of us the Mongolian sparsely populated plains reach indefinitely for thousands of miles. This whole region is being rapidly populated, chiefly by immigrants from the northern war-torn provinces of China proper. These immigrants are pouring into Manchuria at the rate of over a million a year. This region is being made into a new province and the city of Toanan is to be the capital.

From the above you will understand what a most strategic centre for missionary effort this is. Dr. Goforth, if anything, is a pioneer. He is, and always has been, keen to press on to the most needy places. We left Szepingkai in the hands of others, not because the need there was not great, but because the need of this practically untouched region is vastly greater.

It will be of some interest to you, I am sure, just to get a glimpse of what it means to thus go on to the regions beyond and open up work in a new city. Of course we all know that pioneering along any line is not usually accompanied with all the comforts of life; we certainly realized this the first few days we were here. The nine hours on the train from Szepingkai, with the car at almost boiling point, was not the best preparation for us, as we stepped off the train here, to be welcomed by a fierce storm blowing a bitterly cold wind, with clouds of sand from the northwest sandy reaches. We had a long drive to the Mission but only an open Russian drosky to take us. I was just recovering from pneumonia and kept praying all the way to be kept. My courage was somewhat strengthened by the prospect of a well heated house to go to for we had sent our freight and a man ahead to get the stove up, etc. On arriving at the Mission gate our man was standing there and on seeing us looked the picture of dismay. He exclaimed, "Oh! I expected you all to-morrow. Nothing is ready and the freight has not come."

Into the thatch-roofed, brick-floored home we went. It was like an ice-house. But no one let the grass grow under their feet, I assure you, and before dark stoves were up and fires lit. But as the place had been unoccupied all winter the frost seemed to be in the walls and even in the bricks under our feet. We had scarcely any bedding and it was with the freight. We scraped together everything we had, coats, etc., and slept as we could that night on the brick platform bed. But it was not an ideal night. Next day we had some dried grass brought in from the street and put under us so slept better the second night. The following day our

freight arrived and we were able to make ourselves at least livable.

Had I the power to depict the experiences of the past month pictorially I would draw two pictures. One with a design representing masons, carpenters, paper-hangers working but in such confusion one could make almost nothing of the plan of work. Over all there would need to be such a heavy storm of driving sand as to almost obliterate what little might otherwise have been distinguished. The other picture would be that of a beautiful sunrise with the light of the new day lighting up fields of grain just appearing above the earth. This I would call "Glorious Hope." These two pen pictures really do convey something of our first month in this new field.

We came into this Chinese rented place, to find every room in an almost hopeless state of dirt and destruction. We hear that it is the custom among the Chinese in these parts that when people leave a rented compound everything removable is taken away and what cannot be taken is ruthlessly destroyed! We could hardly believe this when told it but now we have proof of its truth. Locks, hinges, panes of glass, etc., torn off or broken, doors removed and even paper torn off the walls. You can form only a faint idea how much has had to be done but as I write I am glad indeed to say that order is now formed out of what was chaos. But even now men are busy finishing up. Last Sunday I thought with such pleasure of at last on Monday morning getting clothes hung and the place in order, but alas! just after breakfast I noticed the wall beside my folding cot bed was bulging out. Pressing it my hands went into a hole. The workmen were called and the whole length of the wall for about four or five feet up had to be torn up and re-built. The paper from the freshly papered wall was torn off and of course everything again in a muddle. We live in one room which does for bedroom and sitting room. A pole across the centre supports a heavy blue cotton curtain. The bedroom half is so small it just holds the two beds so we have had a door cut out and a small bathroom made.

The wind here is terrible. In Honan we knew something of sand storms but nothing to be compared with the almost constant blinding dust and sand here. But I must give the brighter side of the picture. From the standpoint of the work we have everything to cheer and encourage. A fine street chapel was secured soon after we came, right in the heart of the city. Two evangelists who live over there and one who lives here take turns in preaching with Dr. Goforth, who spends most of his mornings and afternoons at the chapel. The preaching is kept up as at Szepingkai for many hours each day. There is always an audience of from thirty to eighty listening to the gospel. Although this preaching hall has only been opened a little over two weeks, over four hundred men have signified their belief in the message by holding up the hand and afterwards giving in their

names. Such if they can read receive one of the pocket Testaments. We do not want you to lay too much value on this holding up the hand, for we cannot say what proportion of these who do so will go on in the Christian life, but it is undoubtedly a sign of interest and in many cases has been proved to be the first step in the Christian life and a true decision for Christ.

Dr. Goforth says he has never seen greater interest and more steady listening than at the chapel these days. Yet just to think that we are the first missionaries to live here. The most that can be said is that a missionary has occasionally, perhaps once in six years, passed through here. This whole vast region is practically without the gospel. There is a small band of Christians here, but they have almost all come from other parts of Manchuria and some even from Shantung, in China proper.

Since writing the foregoing word has just reached us that Mr. and Mrs. Su and family, whom we expected two days ago, came almost half way when the train had to return to Szepingkai on account of sand drifts! We have heard of snow drifts but this is the first time we have known of sand drifts stopping railway traffic.

By the time this reaches you Dr. Goforth and I (D.V.) will have started on a long journey to South China. We expect to be gone almost four months. The conferences include one in Hong Kong, Chaung Chau, Canton, and two places in Indo-China. For many weeks I could not make up my mind to accompany Dr. Goforth for the heat will undoubtedly be very great almost the whole trip. But the fact is my blindness and deafness is increasing so fast it is not safe for me to stay or travel alone. I am coming to depend more and more upon my husband's arm when walking out. I do hope you will think prayerfully for us while on this trip, for Dr. Goforth that God may use him mightily in blessing to missionaries and Chinese workers alike, that he may be sustained through the heat for this important ministry. Pray too for me that I may be a help to him in every way and not a burden, that in spite of my many infirmities, I may prove a blessing to others also. Both of us realize I am running great risks in going into the heat but we also feel my safest place is with Dr. Goforth. I feel sure you will realize how I shall appreciate your help by prayer.

I am planning to learn the touch system on this machine (typewriter) so that when I can see no longer I shall still be able to help Dr. Goforth with his burden of correspondence. Will you also pray for our co-workers who are to take the responsibility of the work while we are away, Miss Graham and Miss Kok at Szepingkai and Mr. Reoch here. Both places will have several good Chinese workers, both men and women. We do praise God for sending us seventeen in all to help us (Chinese) and as they came, money also came from outside sources for their support.

Memorizing Scripture in Formosa

WHEN Mrs. Strachan was in Formosa, Mrs. G. W. Mackay outlined to her a plan that she was just then adopting, to encourage Bible study and the memorizing of Scripture.

She secured from Canada small copies of John's Gospel and also the books of Genesis and Exodus. These she has sent out with the preachers to be distributed. To those who learn to read John's Gospel thoroughly a reward of a New Testament is given. To those who learn to read the books of Genesis and Exodus thoroughly a copy of the Old Testament is given.

Before distributing the books, Mrs. Mackay marked in each copy certain verses, passages or, maybe, chapters which were to be memorized in addition to the reading of the books. For those who complete this memorizing and also write an essay on some Bible subject, Mrs. Mackay has in mind bringing them in to one of the centres for some course in Bible study, with their expenses paid.

The following extract from a letter from Mrs. Mackay tells how the plan is succeeding.

"You will be interested to know how the memorizing Scripture plan is working out. In Tamsui, several have already earned their Old Testament and, in an afternoon Sunday School which Miss Burdick and I conduct together with splendid help from college boys, a women's school pupil, Anna, and two of her friends and some middle school boys, thirteen have earned their New Testament and upwards of 200 children have made a start at the verses in John. One little lad not more than six, a clean, bonnie little fellow, with his head shaved, came up yesterday afternoon with his sister, while she recited her verses. The grandmother in that home and three older children had all studied them so I asked this little lad to see how many he knew. I only asked for about fifteen verses, stopping lest he get tired, but he knew them all almost perfectly, and with wise teaching could learn to read the Bible in a few weeks' time. In several country churches there is great enthusiasm, and I believe that a little effort here at headquarters will have its reward in dozens of groups.

"On July 8th, I expect to be at a station on the Gi-lan plain where a group is ready to recite for the Old Testament. Mr. Mackay heard six there recite for the New Testament some months ago. The children, some in their teens, were so happy and escorted him to the station on his return, though it was a long way and pouring rain. July 8th is Communion Sunday and they plan to have the recitation in public, I think, so we ought to have a busy, happy day. Miss Clazie said she

would like to come too. The boy who earned his Old Testament while in hospital was in again a few weeks ago. Mrs. Taylor took me to see him and I have received a post card from him since his return home. He is working away. Miss Burdick and I plan to go to a country church this week-end. The preacher's wife sent me word that six were ready to recite their 'John' verses.''

The "One Member" Auxiliary Visited

THURSDAY, June 28th, was quite a memorable day for the one member Auxiliary in the Brandon Presbyterial, as on that day forty-seven members and friends of sister Auxiliaries journeyed, the greater number of them forty-four miles, to the home of that member, Mrs. Wm. Hudson, of Kenton, Manitoba, in the Brandon Presbyterial to hold an Auxiliary meeting. Members were there from St. Andrew's and First Church, Brandon, and Lenore Auxiliaries.

Mrs. White, the President of the Lenore Auxiliary, presided, Mrs. Patterson, from St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Brandon, gave a Bible reading, Mrs. G. W. Fergusson, of First Church, read a very helpful and inspiring paper on ''Prayer,'' two solos were sung by Mrs. H. Laidlaw and others took part in the lesson and in the prayers.

One thought running through all parts of the programme, song, Bible reading, paper and prayers was the power of prayer and the great need of more, and what can be accomplished by it. A strong appeal was made for more prayer, that we should covet to be alone with God. The Master set us an example, which we cannot emphasize too much, how often He went to be alone with God and he had a mighty purpose behind the command, ''When thou prayest, enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut the door, pray,'' and ''they saw no man save Jesus, only.''

It seemed as though the line of thought for the meeting had all been pre-arranged, but one who knew said, ''No, it is the work of the Holy Spirit.''

One suggestion made was the encouraging of the forming of a layman's missionary Society for systematic study of missions and incidentally more interest in missions.

It was a day of great inspiration and enjoyment to all privileged to attend.

Prayer

WE thank and bless Thee, O God, for all we have and are, all things are the good gifts of Thy loving kindness to us, Thy children. We pray Thee to rekindle in our hearts, so often grown cold, the desire to serve Thee and truly follow Christ, our great example, Who, pleasing not Himself, went about doing good. We thank Thee we can come to Thee confessing our sins and shortcomings, yet with the assurance of Thy forgiveness and the continuance of Thy love, even though we have strayed far away from Thee and forgotten Thy goodness to us. We thank and bless Thee for our Saviour, Jesus Christ the Lord, for His great giving up of Himself that we might live and inherit eternal life, and we beseech Thee to help us so to live that we may be known as His followers.

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We bless and praise Thee for Thy wonderful leading and guiding of our Society at all times. We thank Thee for all those who, being of a faithful and true spirit, have companied with us on earth and are now entered into the life everlasting. We thank and praise Thy holy name for the noble band of young women who, counting not the cost unto themselves, have in the true spirit of their Master gone overseas to tell of His love, more especially at this time do we pray for our three young ambassadors now upon the sea, journeying to their appointed fields. To Thy fatherly care and keeping we commend them, praying Thee to bring them to their desired haven, there to serve and glorify Thee in bringing many to the knowledge of the Saviour. We also ask Thy care and keeping for Mrs. D. E. McDonald and her children returning to the Bhil field and our young missionaries who company with her. May no evil befall them and may they have joy and gladness as they journey to join their loved ones.

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For temporal blessings as a people we bless and praise Thee, good Lord. Open the hearts of the membership of the Church to give liberally to the needs and undertakings of the Church. With all Thy people in every land we unite our prayers for the peace of the world. Show Thy guiding hand, we beseech Thee, good Lord, in all the plans that the nations of the earth may together make for universal peace, bearing for all time in our hearts with thankfulness our kindred and friends who gave their lives for us in the great war. We thank Thee that we have lived to see the day when the nations are drawing nearer to the true spirit of the Prince of Peace. In the name and for the sake of Him who died for all, we offer now to Thee these our prayers and thanksgivings. Amen.

OUR LETTER BOX

Helping in Northern Floods

Fort McMurray, Alta.

"A little woman who had been further down the river during the winter, where her husband and his brother were cutting wood for the boats, was in the hospital from April 7th to 16th. She was the aunt of the poor unfortunate little girl who was burned by falling into a boiling pot of dog feed. It was, therefore, a very trying winter for the young mother.

I attended another patient, who had also been down the river in the bush for the winter. Her husband was trapping, but as the fur was so scarce, no one really made a living. Her youngest little girl, not having seen any women all winter, used to cry from fear until she grew accustomed to my visits.

On the morning of April 30th, about half-past two o'clock, all the residents on the banks of the river were greatly startled by the terrible noise the ice made when it broke up. As soon as they awakened they had to make preparation to vacate their houses, for the rivers were rising so rapidly they were in danger of losing both their homes and lives. Two houses and a stable, that I know of, were carried away. My patient's first consideration was for her children, of which she has three besides the new baby. They were got ready and taken to safe quarters and kind friends nearby let my patient and her husband go there until they were able to secure another house. The little woman said the first thing she did was to pray and they were all brought through safely. I visited her several times and took things to make her comfortable, even tried to persuade her to come to the hospital, but she wanted to be near her other little children. She is quite well now and none the worse for the terrible experience.

I helped others out by loaning them extra bedding, for much of their clothing got wet when the water rushed in so rapidly. One woman, noticing the water in her kitchen, thought it was merely starting to come in, and she got such a shock when she stepped into it and found it went over her knees. It was so icy cold she got a dreadful shock but took no harm. The bravest of all, I thought, were an old couple who live on the Island. After the ice had broken and backed up into a tributary stream, they walked across—an example of interminable faith! The man has been in this country for fifty-two years."

—*Miss Olive Ross.*

Satisfactory School Reports

Vegreville, Alta.

"I am much pleased to say that our school reports are very good this Easter. All of the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade pupils passed on all of their examinations. Our lowest average in the three grades was 57 per cent. The 9th grade was not so good, but these pupils have come in from outside schools and they are not as far advanced as those that have been in the city schools. Our 8th grade have done well this spring and I expect that they will all go into the high school next year. The 7th grade have also done well, their average being over 60 per cent. Our own little school has done exceptionally well. We have 18 pupils and the average for the whole school is 77.7 per cent., in fact the highest average is 88 per cent. and the lowest is 62.8 per cent., so I think we can congratulate ourselves on these results. The Sunday School is doing fine work in the memory course. The Bible class is also showing marked results. Some of the pupils are taking the lesson on the Sunday afternoon, and we are getting outsiders into both the Sunday School and the Bible class other than the inmates of the home."

A Missionary's Prayer for the Church

"I THINK the thing that is most on my heart these days is the desire to know more of the power of prayer in my own life and to see a great outpouring of the spirit of prayer on our church and on all churches. I feel that that would mean wonderful things in foreign lands where we work and in the home land too. God is so able, so longing to bless and waiting, it seems to me, on our prayers that He may be able to do the work He wants to do."

WANTED

A radio for Rouyn, Quebec, where our Church has opened a mission; a gramophone and records for one of the Indian Reserves in Manitoba; a victrola and records for the "Hugh Waddell" Hospital, Canora, Sask.; a sewing machine and typewriter for Saskatoon School Home; a typewriter for Vegreville School Home. It may be that some or all of these articles may be in the homes of our people awaiting a favorable opportunity of being placed where they would be of service. If they are in good condition we would be grateful for them. Please correspond with the Council Supply Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, 154 High Park Ave., Toronto 9.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for October

"THE ROYAL ROAD"

Hymn—"We Praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy Love." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings* p 344). *Scripture Reading*—Matt. 7:1-12 *Minutes. Business. Offering. Study Topic*—Chapter VI.—"Travellers from the Land of Sinim"—Chinese in Canada. *Hymn*—"We Have Heard a Joyful Sound,—Jesus Saves!" *Prayer.*

Suggestions—The fact that we have Chinese in almost every city and town in Canada should add interest to this study. Appoint a number of members to give five minute papers on such topics as (1) China and her achievements; (2) Her dominant religions; (3) The present situation in China and the outlook for the future; (4) The coming of the Chinese to Canada, their contribution to us and our attitude towards them; (5) The laws enacted to check Chinese immigration; (6) The number now in Canada, where located—see Government reports; (7) Have a member write the names of the W.M.S. missionaries and the places where they are located on the blackboard. Further interest might be aroused by telling the different things China supplies to Canada and showing Chinese curios.

References—Annual Report, September *Glad Tidings*, pp. 301, 307.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

A Letter From an Honored Missionary

Dear Young People:

"Will you meet a few of the young people of Dhar? It is famine time. Here are boys and girls so frail, so weak, so stupid, one would think they were very low in the scale of civilization, but no, it is only hunger. They cry, three days since we have tasted food or water! A shelter is provided, the boys in one part and the girls in another. Only a little food is given, and a cup of cold water. The doors of the shelter were open day and night and the dear, weak, needy ones came. Lives were saved and these weak ones became strong.

A few years later. Sports day, the boys with zest taking part in the games, football, cricket, obstacle races, tug-of-war, etc. Boys come first in India. Where are the girls? On this especial occasion they were in a

large upper verandah overlooking the field, interested spectators, each with her headcloth drawn demurely so that no excitement should be noticed by the chaperones who were in charge.

A quarter of a century later in the same place. An intelligent educated crowd of young people playing tennis, badminton, etc., the day closing with an entertainment, all provided by the second generation of Christians. Why the change? Because Christ had come giving the abundant life, not only in secular things but in spiritual. Could the Jubilee of our Church have been such as it was had not God wrought things in the Central India Mission—such as ministers, elders, deacons, each taking a leading part, Bible women, teachers and evangelists, aided by doctors and nurses, all giving practical demonstration to the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ?''

—*Margaret O'Hara.*

The very air seems vibrant with enthusiasm and fresh effort breathed from newly organized or re-organized groups. From shore to shore is wafted something of their eagerness to be up and doing. Perth, Ontario, was the first to report re-organization with three groups and a possible fourth, and such plans and forecasts! Of course no programme will be complete without ''Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands.'' It is just that necessary something which will capture that airy enthusiasm and transform it into thought and action. Read the book first, then present it to the class. Discuss with the girls the treasure book project, and begin on it as soon as possible so that you will be in line for the ''appraisal'' and ''surprise'' at the end of the Hunt.

The annual reports do not show all that our girls give, although each group should aim first of all to secure an allocation from their Presbyterial Supply Secretary, and satisfy that obligation before attempting the extras. Report all that you do to the Supply Secretary. Miss Lillian MacArthur, port worker, Montreal, has been in Quebec all summer at the port, and she writes: ''My! the number of gifts I have given to the people after they went on the trains! Thanks to you I have been very well supplied.'' And thanks to you many folk started to their new homes with a warm spot in their hearts for Canada and the church. Many of these gifts were among the ''unremembered acts of kindness'' and unreported.

Watch each month for a letter on India. It will be a treasure for that book which I referred to above. This month we have one from Dr. Margaret O'Hara, our missionary in India for thirty-six years, who has now retired and is in Canada.

—*Edith A. Sinclair.*

MISSION BANDS

The October study topic is "Telling the Story of Jesus in India." Every leader should send for a copy of the new study book, *Light Bearers*, with complete programmes and helpful material. Miss Williamson's description of Amkhut, in this issue, should also be interesting for the little folks.

As this is the tenth month, we pass on the clever plan worked out by one Mission Band.

A TEN-TEN SOCIAL

A Mission Band in Ontario recently held a Ten-Ten Social. They had ten tables, serving ten articles, on the tenth day of the tenth month for ten cents. This was followed by a ten-numbered programme for another ten cents, and closed at ten o'clock.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. J. H. Acheson, 11728-94th St., Edmonton, Press Secretary

IN July Mrs. Peattie, President of Red Deer Presbyterial, visited three country charges in the interests of the W.M.S. At Brooksley she spoke to the Auxiliary on the W.M.S. work and later gave a talk to the Associate Society at Valley Centre. She reached the manse at Willowdale just in time to meet the Auxiliary and the Young People's Society which that afternoon had come to hear about W.M.S. activities and to conduct a sale of work. There was also a good representation present from Edwell. The two rooms were nicely filled and the young women and girls were particularly interested. Judging from what she saw and heard on the trip, Mrs. Peattie is of the opinion that the Presbyterian Church is prospering and the W.M.S. with it.

St. Andrew's W.M. Auxiliary, Lethbridge, heard a most inspiring missionary address when Mrs. Ritchie, Council delegate, visited it in June. At the July meeting a Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Hay, who, with her family, is removing to Ottawa.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. Wm. Cuthbert, 1820-5th Ave. West, Vancouver, Press Secretary

A MEETING of unusual interest to the Chinese Presbyterian W.M.S. was held at the home of the President, Mrs. Macqueen. The devotions were conducted in Chinese. A paper on "Missionary Intercession" was read in Chinese by Mrs. Chow Young and in English by Miss Lily Chan. Several hymns were sung and arrangements made for the supply work of the Auxiliary to be undertaken and finished before the end of the year. As Mrs. G. P. Louie, who has been a faithful worker in this Society since its inception, sailed for China in August, her friends took this opportunity of presenting her with a little token of their esteem. Mrs. Cotsford, Presbyterial President, presented her with an address and travelling rug on behalf of the Victoria Presbyterial Executive. Mrs. Leung, on behalf of the Chinese W.M.S., and other Chinese friends, presented her with a gold fountain pen and eversharp pencil, assuring Mrs. Louie of the love and good wishes of all her co-workers. Rev. D. A. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese work, paid tribute to Mrs. Louie's faithful work in all departments of the Mission, wished her God speed and a safe return, and Rev. Mr. Leung, the Chinese pastor, spoke in hearty appreciation of Mrs. Louie's help in his work.

Mrs. Louie replied feelingly, stating that she would ever remember the love and kindness of her English and Chinese friends in Victoria.

At the close of this meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

The New Exchange Department

Having felt recently that the devotional part of our W.M.S. meetings might be made more profitable and inspiring, the Exchange Secretary is arranging to have a number of five minute papers (with appropriate Bible readings) prepared by outstanding writers. Copies of these may be had for Auxiliary meetings by applying to Mrs. David A. Smith, 175 10th Ave. W., Vancouver. These papers need not be returned. The following are now ready:

"Sabbath Observance," R. G, McBeth, D.D.

"The Temperance Situation in British Columbia," Mrs. Dr. Gillespie.

The Exchange Department also has on hand:

"To the Jew First," a splendid general survey of the world situation. This might well be used as an introduction to the Jewish chapter in our study book, "The Royal Road."

"The Value of Missions," a study of the place of missions in the life of the individual and of the Church.

"The Life of MacKenzie," first Canadian Presbyterian Missionary in Korea.

Copies of these papers will also be sent on application of Auxiliary Secretaries, to be returned as soon as used!

(Overmatter)

Victoria P.S.—A Mission Band rally was held in St. Andrew's Church recently. All Bands were in attendance, and a fine programme was rendered. Knox Church presented an interesting pageant entitled "Heralds of the King." The Chinese Mission Band was present, and three young Chinese girls sang very sweetly "Watch While I Sleep."

Victoria has been favored with a visit and address from Dr. Margaret O'Hara. It was regretted that we could not have her with us longer; it would have been a great blessing to us. We also had Mrs. McKerroll, who spoke in St. Andrew's Church, on W.M.S. work in British Guiana. Miss Pelton has also been addressing W.M. Societies on the Island. A number of our W.M.S. members attended the Provincial and Council meetings in Vancouver, and report most inspiring meetings.

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S. meeting was held in Kamloops July 4th, with sixteen delegates present—a good representation as all our Auxiliaries are small. Reports show progress. A new Auxiliary has been formed at Canoe. The feature of the meeting was the address given by Mrs. J. W. Dill, Toronto. Mrs. D. B. Johnstone is Press Secretary.

Westminster P.S.—The Provincial Board met June 15th, Mrs. Ledingham, our new President in the chair. Some time was given to an expression of the benefits derived from the Council meeting. All testified to the great good received from attendance at the sessions.

The Chinese Presbyterian Mission kindergarten, under the guidance of Miss Lawrence and Miss Dickman, had their closing exercises June 27th. There were some 150 visitors and children in attendance. Dr. Drummond, Hamilton, and Mrs. J. W. Dill, Toronto, addressed the gathering, Miss Dickman interpreting. After the games and exercises, the C.G.I.T. served cakes and sweetmeats to the visiting friends.

The Chinese Mission Band ended their summer activities with a picnic at Stanley Park.

The closing meeting of the "Ephraim Scott" Mission Band of Fairview Presbyterian Church took the form of a lawn party at the home of Miss McQueen. This has been a very active little Band, and their work is a great credit to them. When the mite boxes were opened they were found to contain $12.35—a goodly sum for such small workers.

Kootenay P.S.—At the closing meeting of the "Marion Oliver" M.B., Cranbrook, the children put on a pageant entitled "The Heralds of the King." Mr. John Fingal Smith, our veteran elder of eighty-one summers, was made a Life Member, and Douglas Patterson, who has

been an efficient and faithful secretary for two years, was made a Junior Member. The collection, which included the two memberships, amounted to $36.30.

The Associate Society at Kimberley is very active. The congregation has bought a church, and the W.M.S. women are planning to do a considerable part toward its furnishing.

MANITOBA

MRS. A. G. MCDONALD, 702 FOURTEENTH ST., BRANDON, PRESS SECRETARY

BRANDON P.S.—June 14th a number of the members of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church and St. Andrew's Church had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa, at the home of Mrs. A. Shewan, President of First Church W.M.S. Mrs. Hill gave an instructive and enjoyable talk on the women of the Church all down the ages.

First Presbyterian Church W.M.S., at their July meeting, had the pleasure of having Mrs. Thomas McMillan, Toronto, address them on the work of the W.M.S.

Glen-Souris W.M.S. was organized July 17th. Mrs. J. Dunseith is President, Mrs. J. A. Elder, Secretary, Miss Peggy Elder, Treasurer.

First Presbyterian Church. At the meeting of the W.M.S. on June 19th, announcement was made of the gift by one of its members, Mrs. M. G. Abey of Brandon, of $5,000 for the erection of a children's nursing home in the Bhil field, India. All were deeply touched as Mrs. J. F. Leslie led in the dedicatory prayer following this announcement.

Brandon P.S.—On the invitation of the small Minority Group at Argyle, Rev. R. and Mrs. Paterson, and Mrs. A. G. McDonald motored there August 22nd and organized an Auxiliary of the W.M.S. As harvest had commenced and every one was very busy the attendance was not large, but those who accepted office are earnest missionary workers, and we hope their efforts will be rewarded. We ought all to remember these small devoted groups in earnest prayer. Rev. Mr. Paterson, Mrs. Paterson and Mrs. McDonald then journeyed to Birtle Indian School and were the guests of Rev. H. B. and Mrs. Currie over night. There has been an almost unbelievable change wrought here during the past year and that in the face of the most trying circumstances, but no matter if the building be old, now it is clean, and the dormitories were a treat to see. In the senior class room three of Miss McKay's pupils passed their entrance. The writer could not but think that no Supply Secretary should miss an opportunity to visit one of these Indian residential schools.

At the close of the August meeting of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, we had to say good-by to another of our faithful workers, Mrs. A. Grant, who for the past 43 years has been a great

help in the W.M.S. work of the Church. Mrs. M. McKenzie, read an address of appreciation and Mrs. T. J. Somerville presented Mrs. Grant with a beautiful travelling bag on behalf of the members of the Society.

On August 23rd, Mrs. D. W. Yuill, of Melita, Y.P. Secretary, visited Hartney and addressed the W.M.S. at their regular meeting, giving them a very interesting account of the Council meeting. In spite of the busy season twenty-five women were present and appreciated the helpful message very much.

At St. Andrew's Church, Brandon, on Sunday, August 26th, in the absence of Rev. J. J. Cowan, the minister, on holiday, the W.M.S. took both services very acceptably. Mrs. Manson presided at both services and in the morning Mrs. R. Paterson spoke on the late Dr. Wilkie's work in India, and Dr. Goforth's work in China. At the evening service Mrs. J. J. Cowan spoke on "missions." Other members of the W.M.S. took part and the choir rendered special music. These services by the W.M.S. were much appreciated by the congregation, and provided a splendid opportunity to bring before the men of the Church our W.M.S. work.

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

LONDON P.S.—Well attended district meetings, held in June, at London, Bethel, St. Thomas, Melbourne, Tempo, Crinan and Port Stanley were addressed by Miss Lamont.

North Bay P.S. met at Huntsville, June 28th and 29th, and was well attended. Progress was reported in all departments and allocation exceeded. In this small Presbyterial splendid work is being done, everyone being willing and eager to surmount all difficulties. Mrs. Hugh McKellar, President of Hamilton Presbyterial, was special speaker.

Peterborough P.S. met June 20th and 21st in St. Andrew's Church, Campbellford, with representatives present from each Auxiliary. All reports noted progress, $4,976.30 was received by the Treasurer. The Rev. F. C. Harper, Cobourg, was special speaker.

Stratford P.S.—The 25th anniversary of Cromarty Auxiliary was held on July 7th at the home of Mrs. James Hill. A number of former members, now living elsewhere, including the first Treasurer, Mrs. Norris, of Winnipeg, were present, while letters of greetings were received from those unable to attend. Addresses and music completed a programme which fittingly commemorated the close of a quarter of a century of consecrated labor in this part of the Master's vineyard.

The passing of Miss Janet Murray, a beloved member of the W.M.S. since its organization fifty years ago, is deeply regretted. An "In

Memoriam'' certificate was presented to her niece, Mrs. Pepper, by Arnton Auxiliary.

Maitland P.S.—At the 14th annual meeting of the Maitland Presbyterial, which was held in Knox Church, Teeswater, and which was attended by representatives from 19 Auxiliaries, it was reported that the allocation had been exceeded by $384. Knox Church Auxiliary attained its golden jubilee during the past year and at this meeting, following a résumé of its half-century of work, two charter members, Mrs. Gillies and Mrs. McDonald, each accompanied by a little granddaughter, were presented with pins in honor of the occasion. Mrs. Daniel Strachan introduced Miss Dorothy Douglas, Lucknow, who sailed for Formosa in September. She also addressed both the morning and afternoon sessions.

FULL BOARD MEETING

A Full Board Meeting of the Ontario Provincial Executive Board will be held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Bathurst Street, Toronto, on the 4th and 5th of October.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

Sectional Meetings

PRINCE ALBERT–SASKATOON P.S. held two very successful sectional meetings in June. A third one, planned for Rosetown, had to be cancelled owing to the bad condition of the roads. This was a new venture in Saskatchewan, but the small attendance at the annual Presbyterial meetings for the last three years, was the reason for attempting some new plan to bring our Auxiliaries closer together. Miss Pelton, Field Secretary, and Mrs. W. G. Brown, President of the Presbyterial, attended these meetings. The first was held in Melfort, Mrs. J. R. Graham of Prince Albert presiding. The second, in North Battleford, was presided over by Mrs. P. Fisher. The devotions were taken by members of the different Auxiliaries represented at the meetings.

The morning sessions were given up to a study of our organization, which was fully explained, from the work of the Council down to that of the smallest Auxiliary. The duties of each officer were clearly defined. This was taken by Miss Pelton and was certainly a great help.

At the afternoon sessions, Mrs. W. G. Brown gave a report of the meeting of the Council held in Vancouver. Miss Pelton then led a discussion on some problems and difficulties of our work. This was entered into very fully by the women present. The Melfort meeting had representatives from Tisdale, Kinistino, Prince Albert and a very good

attendance from the local Auxiliary. The meeting at North Battleford had representatives from Wilkie, Poynton and McMillan. About fifty were in attendance at the afternoon session. Miss Scott, Superintendent of the Saskatoon School Home was present and spoke of the work of the Home, outlining the course of Bible study and missionary training received by the girls there and asking the co-operation of the women in bringing this institution to the attention of all Presbyterians in northern Saskatchewan. The last part of the afternoon was taken up in discussing the best ways of conducting an Auxiliary meeting, a very helpful paper being given at each meeting by a member of the local Auxiliary.

Appreciation was expressed at both meetings of the splendid work done by Miss Pelton and Miss Scott. The Presbyterial Executive feel that the meetings were most profitable, bringing help and encouragement to those who were unable to attend the regular annual meeting. It was a splendid opportunity for President and Auxiliaries to get to know one another and all feel that this is a distinctly forward step in our W.M.S. work in Saskatchewan.

Parkview W.M.S. at its June meeting entertained the Home Helpers. Mrs. Burnett welcomed the visitors. The Home Helpers Secretary gave an interesting outline of pioneer missionary work among the Indians of the northwest. On July 3rd, members of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's and Parkview gathered in Parkview Church to meet Dr. Annie McKay and Miss Catherine McKay, missionaries on furlough from India and Peru. Both visitors spoke of the work in their respective fields. July 5th, the W.M.S. of Parkview entertained the mothers and children of the cradle roll of the Sunday School.

Regina P.S.—Reports from different points intimate that the fall work is being taken up with renewed energy and zeal after the vacation.

The departure of Mrs. H. Cochrane of Qu'Appelle will mean a serious loss both to Regina Presbyterial and the Provincial Board. Mrs. Cochrane and family left Qu'Appelle in July to join Dr. Cochrane at Arnprior where he will continue his medical profession. Mrs. J. W. Hedley, 32 Chateau Apts., Regina, takes her office of Literature Secretary.

Mrs. J. A. Sinclair of First Church, Regina, entertained informally the members of the local Auxiliary and the Presbyterial Executive. The object of the gathering was to get the work lined up for the coming season.

Moose Jaw P.S.—Swift Current Auxiliary is progressing most favorably as a result of the faithful work of the officers and members. Estevan W.M.S. reports most encouraging meetings, good attendance and keen interest in the preparation of the programmes. Enthusiasm of this kind will assuredly bring success to this new organization.

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July - August, 1928

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A Friend, "Work in Manchuria"	5.00	Canora Hospital	1,100.00
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		Indian School "Cecilia Jeffrey"	600.08
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Whitby, Ont., Miss L. Finch, "Persian work in Canada"	1.00
Rent of house at Vegreville, Alta.	40.00
Pensions received from workers to be paid to the Church Pension Fund	187.86
Insurance on Canora Hospital	30.00
Rebate from Vegreville School Home	985.00
Legacy from the Estate of Agnes E. Glassford	50.00
Government grant for the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School	2,887.50
Government grant for Birtle Indian School	3,533.87
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Quebec	900.00
Saskatchewan	842.77
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Indian School, Birtle	865.95
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Chinese Work in Canada	1,377.02
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New Liskeard School Home	855.26
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Publications	816.66
Organization	501.85
Pension	150.00
Miscellaneous	1,389.90
Interest	110.55
Administration	1,123.81
	$32,329.80

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Balance on hand June 30th, 1928	$54,292.77	
Receipts	26,749.50	
Disbursements		$32,329.80
Pension Fund		4,978.49
Sustaining Fund		12,447.88
Legacy Fund		4,263.03
Bonds		10,720.00
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Cash on hand		35.63
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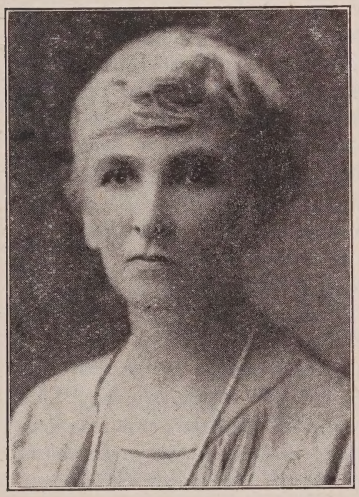
Editorial

MRS. DANIEL STRACHAN, of Toronto, has been elected as the new President of our Society, having been chosen to fill that responsible position at the closing summer meeting of the Council Executive, on Tuesday morning, June 26th. Mrs. Strachan succeeds Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, who served as head of our Society for over three years with marked ability and success. Mrs. Strachan brings to this important office a wide experience, having been a member of the Board since 1909. She has occupied numerous secretaryships, the outstanding three being of School Homes and Indian Residential Schools in Canada and work in South China, and was secretary of the Committee of Amalgamation which event was consummated in 1914. She has also held Presbyterial, Auxiliary and Mission Band offices. Last year, Mrs. Strachan was appointed by the General Assembly to visit with the Presbyterian Delegation our mission fields in Japan, Formosa and Manchuria China. She adds to her other gifts that of a fine public speaker.



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The dedication of the new President and other officers took place in Knox College board room, Toronto, and was conducted by Rev. J. W. MacNamara, D.D., Clerk of the General Assembly, in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. John Buchanan, M.D., D.D.

A FULL REPORT of the annual Council Meeting held this year in Central Church, Vancouver, May 30th to June 2nd, will be given in the September

issue. The meetings were a success in every respect and a source of inspiration to those who were privileged to attend. The reports of the Secretaries were very encouraging and showed much intensive work accomplished during the past year. Splendid addresses, from which much help was derived, were given by Mrs. Strachan, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Rev. D. A. Smith, Dr. Margaret O'Hara and Dr. Helen MacMurchy. Greetings from the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., were extended by Mrs. B. A. Thaxter, of Portland, Oregon.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH, marked the closing meeting for the summer of our Council Executive. The sessions will be resumed on Tuesday morning, September 11th, at ten o'clock.

The closing meeting was of special interest as the annual election of officers took place. Following are the changes: President—Mrs. Daniel Strachan; Vice-Presidents—Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Mrs. R. C. Donald, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich; Young Women's Secretary—Mrs. Thos. Findley; National Missions—Educational Secretaries —School Homes, Miss J. Florence Lang; Indians, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll; South China Secretary—Miss A. H. Gowans; Lantern Slide Secretary—Mrs. C. S. McDonald; new member without office—Mrs. C. R. Peckover; all resident in Toronto. Addresses and telephone numbers of the foregoing may be found by referring to the list of officers on the inside cover of this issue.

A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL SERVICE for the late Dr. John Wilkie was held in Parkdale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on the evening of May 31st. A large congregation was present, men who had known Dr. Wilkie before he went to India, and men who had been associated with him in his work, being among the number present to do honor to the memory of this beloved pioneer. Mr. J. K. Macdonald and Dr. John Stenhouse, men who inspired Dr. Wilkie to serve in a foreign land, attended the service. Dr. Stenhouse told of the work accomplished by Dr. Wilkie since his arrival in India in 1879. Rev. J. A. Mustard, Moderator of Toronto Presbytery, offered prayer following which Dr. J. MacGillivary spoke of the last farewell to Dr. Wilkie. Prayer was also offered by Rev. R. S. Laidlaw, D.D., and further glowing tributes to the work of Dr. Wilkie were paid by the Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, pioneer missionary to the Bhils in India, Rev. J. A. Brown, of Ingersoll, Rev. Jas. Wilson, D.D., of Brampton, Rev. W. A. Wilson, D.D., of India, and Mr. C. S. McDonald of Toronto. Rev. F. G. Vesey, minister of the church, presided.

CANADA AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF CANADA suffered a great loss on June 28th, when Miss Agnes Delamoure, head of the Women's Department

of *The Globe*, Toronto, for the past thirteen years, and editor of the *Circle of Young Canada*, passed suddenly away. Her death has removed from the ranks of Canadian women journalists a writer of undoubted ability, a beloved newspaper woman, and one who spent her strength unstintingly on behalf of the many great and good causes in which women are interested, outstanding among these being the Women's Missionary Societies, the Y.W.C.A. and the W.C.T.U. But it is as a lover of little children that Miss Delamoure is best known. For ten years she has been in charge of the *Circle of Young Canda* and as "Nancy Durham" was known and beloved by thousands of Canada's finest young people, and many a young man or woman now entering on a promising career in art or literature has reason to look back and thank God for the encouragement given when it was most needed by the sympathetic and understanding editor of the *Circle of Young Canada*. During all the years of her service the "deepest desire in Miss Delamoure's heart and mind was to create a nobler, better and purer atmosphere for Young Canada" and to that end she bent her best energies, and before she died, Miss Delamoure had the joy of seeing in book form under the title, "Creative Young Canada," a collection of poems and drawings, the work of the members of the *Circle of Young Canada*, under "Nancy Durham," which she had assisted Dr. A. E. Marty to compile and edit. How true the words of one beautiful tribute to her life achievement: "Her pen is laid away, but her work will go on to the ends of the earth and to the end of time."

When we think of Miss Delamoure as a woman we think of her wide sympathy, her sense of humor, her absolute fairness and above all her loyalty—"true as steel"—to her friends, her faith, her church and the paper which she served to the very end. Her resting place in Newcastle was touchingly beautiful with fragrant flowers from greenhouses and the gardens of her friends, "circleites," and the little Chinese boys whom she taught every Sunday in Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and who adored her. As your Editor I would like to say how unceasingly kind Miss Delamoure has been to me, for a long period of years, reporting meetings, taking time to come to my office for missionary news, or following trails that led to interviews which she thought would interest the women readers of *The Globe*. Her passing is a distinct loss and, in my own name and in that of the W.M.S., whose work she did so much to further, I would pay this tribute of loving gratitude for the sympathy, help and friendship of this Christian gentlewoman.

A MISSION BAND STUDY BOOK for 1928-29 is in course of preparation and will be ready in time for use at the September meeting. It is entitled "Light Bearers" and deals with our India and British Guiana mission fields. The study is based on material contained in the senior book "The

Royal Road,'' and the work of weaving it into an interesting form for the boys and girls is being undertaken by Mrs. J. W. Dill, Mrs. A. R. Riddell, and Miss J. Florence Lang. The book will contain a foreword, a preparatory chapter, ''Beginning Again,'' and seven study chapters, the headings of which are: ''Jesus Bids Us Shine''; ''School-days at Gwalior''; ''Lighting the Gwalior Way''; ''Jungle Land''; ''The Hero of the Amkhut Valley''; ''The Candle Lighted in British Guiana''; ''The Story of the Brass Bowl.'' The price will be 25 cents.

''Church Union and the Presbyterian Church in Canada,'' by Dr. Ephraim Scott, is fresh from the printer's hands and we have been asked by Dr. Scott to be the distributors in Toronto. Many churches may already have ordered their books and they will probably be for sale in book stores, but we will have a supply in our care and will gladly send to any one desiring a copy. The price per single copy is, paper 60c., cloth $1.00, postpaid. A suitable discount will be granted on quantities to one address.

''Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands'' has been chosen as the title of the 1928-29 programme help for teen-age organizations. This booklet is now being prepared and we hope to have it in readiness for the opening fall meeting. The price will probably be twenty-five cents.

The ''Prayer Hymn for Missionaries'' by Margaret McK. MacTavish, of Belleville, which appeared in our June issue, has been printed in sheet form. This little prayer will be splendid for use in the different meetings of our Auxiliaries. It may be procured from our Publications Office at the small charge of two cents per copy.

We would ask our members to note that Mrs. J. W. Hedley, 32 The Chateau, Regina, Sask., now has charge of the lantern slides for the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The slides are for use free of charge except cost of transportation both ways, and the making good of any breakage which may occur. They are sent out in strong wooden boxes and if reasonable care be taken in their packing, there is little danger of accident. The Lantern Slide Committee hope that all the slides will be freely used, that they will be found interesting and helpful in disseminating knowledge of the missionary work of our Church, and that they will be blessed by our heavenly Father in increasing the zeal and enthusiasm of all Christians in the task of ''winning the world for Christ.''

Quebec Provincial has brought out a card of information which should prove very useful to its officers. On the front there are three items:—

1. The name of the Provincial in full.

2. *Executive Meeting.*—with name of Church, time, day and month of meeting.

3. *Board Meeting.*—followed by day, month and time.

On the reverse side is a list of the officers for 1928-29 with their addresses. A similar plan is followed by Quebec Presbyterial. The card fits a No. 8 envelope.

A RECENT COMMUNICATION from Miss Cuddy, Superintendent of "Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital," Canora, Sask., contains the following gratifying statement: "The Hospital Aid have their six hundred dollars and I ordered the sterilizer this morning. When all is ready we are having a big hospital day."

WE REPORT WITH REGRET the following resignations: Mr. James Hall, Superintendent of Vegreville School Home; Miss Robina Paterson, Superintendent of Prince Albert School Home; both of these taking effect in July. New appointment: Miss Elizabeth Macdonald as Superintendent of Prince Albert School Home.

AN UNUSUAL FEATURE at so large a meeting was introduced at the June conference of Stratford Presbyterial, when each Auxiliary responded to the roll call by quoting an interesting item from the *Glad Tidings.* This is a splendid way of making the different branches and members conversant with the work of our Society.

NEW OFFICES HAVE BEEN SECURED for the W.M.S. in the Federal Building, 85 Richmond Street, West. Our new home will be on the seventh floor and near the Church offices.

THE TITHER'S SURPRISE

The Christian who begins to tithe will have at least six surprises. He will be surprised:

1. *At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.*
2. *At the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithe.*
3. *At the ease of meeting his own obligations with the nine-tenths.*
4. *At the ease in going from one-tenth to larger giving.*
5. *At the preparation this gives to be a faithful and wise steward over the nine-tenths that remains.*
6. *At himself in not adopting the plan sooner.* —Ex.

Three Young Ladies Designated to Service Overseas

THE CALL

The Master calls
In accents low,
And fraught with feeling:
"Go Child, go

To distant lands,
Where sin is rife,
To do my bidding:
Give thy life

To spread My Gospel;
Preach My word
Where my own name
Has ne'er been heard;

Where men bow down
To wood and stone,
And know not I
Am God alone!"

The Master calls
In accents low;
I gladly answer,
"Lord I go!"

MISS ANNIE MARY MURRAY, B.A.

Miss A. Mary Murray, B.A., to British Guiana

IN Bethany Presbyterian Church, Milan, Que., on the evening of May 22nd, the designation took place of Miss A. Mary Murray, B.A., only daughter of the Rev. Allister and Mrs. Murray, of Milan, to British Guiana, as Principal of the Girls' High School, in New Amsterdam.

The Presbytery of Quebec was represented by the Moderator and several other members. The Council Executive, Montreal Presbyterial, Quebec Presbyterial, and the Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, were also represented.

The service opened by singing the 84th Psalm in Gaelic, followed with fervent prayer in Gaelic by the Rev. Lachlan Beaton. Dr. Gordon read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer. Dr. McCorkindale preached an inspiring sermon, after which he proceeded with the impressive ceremony. Miss Murray, having answered the required questions, was solemnly dedicated with prayer by the Moderator.

Miss Metcalfe, of Montreal, on behalf of the Council Executive, presented Miss Murray with a beautifully bound Bible and, in doing so, expressed every confidence in her making the work a success and assured Miss Murray that the prayers of many friends would follow her to that distant field. Mrs. Price, on behalf of the Quebec Presbyterial, presented a handsome writing case; Mrs. McDonald, in the name of the W.M.S. of Milan and Hampden, a beautiful handbag; and Mr. Murdoch McLeod, of Milan, on behalf of the Canadian Bible Society, presented a Bible printed in the Hindi language. Announcement was made of a W.M.S. Life Membership for Miss Murray from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, the gift of Miss Rolls, a member of that Church. A congratulatory telegram from Rev. A. S. Reid, Clerk of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, was read. The service throughout was most impressive and will long be held in remembrance by the large congregation present.

Miss Murray, who is a graduate of McGill University, expects to leave for her new field of service early in August.

Miss Jean Campbell MacLean

A memorable and impressive service was held in the Presbyterian Church, Almonte, on the evening of June 26th, when Miss Jean C. MacLean of that congregation was set apart for mission work among the Koreans in Japan. The meeting was in charge of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery, many members being present. Members of the Presbyterial Executive attended in a body, and Rev. E. E. Preston, of Vankleek Hill, minister of the congregation when Miss MacLean entered the Training Home in Toronto, was also present.

Miss Jean C. MacLean, to Japan

Rev. W. H. McCracken, minister of the church, and Rev. Dr. A. H. Scott, of Perth, Clerk of Presbytery, conducted the devotions. The former also gave the statement of qualifications of the candidate, after which Rev. Dr. S. Davies, Smith's Falls, Moderator of Presbytery, solemnly designated and dedicated Miss MacLean to overseas service.

Dr. Margaret O'Hara, recently returned from India, addressed the

young missionary. Never, she said, would she be sorry for consecrating her life to the service of Christ. Forty-eight years ago, an Almonte girl, Mrs. John Wilkie, had gone to India—this summer she returns to the town of her birth, while Miss MacLean leaves to labor in another portion of the Master's vineyard.

Little girls of the "Jean MacLean" Mission Band presented Miss MacLean with a camera and flowers, Mrs. T. R. Paterson, reading an address. Mrs. J. Stewart, President of the Presbyterial, presented the graduation pin of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, also a Bible, the gift of the Council Executive. She extended greetings and best wishes from her own Presbyterial, and from the Council Executive through a message received from the President, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll. A Korean Bible, the gift of the Canadian Bible Society, was presented by Mrs. T. R. Paterson.

After graduating from the Ottawa Normal School, Miss MacLean taught for a time, but to fit herself for the work to which she was called, she has completed the two year course in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto. She sails for Japan early in September, but before leaving is taking a course in kindergarten work in Toronto.

MISS MARGARET MILLER RAMSAY

A deeply impressive designation service was held Tuesday evening, June 26th, by the Paris Presbyterial, in Central Presbyterian Church, Brantford, for Miss Margaret M. Ramsay, of that city, under appointment to Formosa by the W.M.S. Rev. W. F. McConnell was assisted in the devotional period by Rev. Dr. A. V. Brown. Dr. Barr, minister of the church and newly elected Moderator of the Presbytery, opened the designation service by reading the Scriptural commission. Miss Ramsay had volunteered for service at the close of a devotional service held by Dr. Barr for the Young People's Society of his church, and he spoke of his deep interest and that of his congregation in Miss Ramsay's decision to go as a missionary of the Cross.

Miss Margaret Ramsay, to Formosa

Following her formal designation, Rev. W. F. McConnell introduced

the honored member of Paris Presbytery, Rev. John Buchanan, B.A., M.D., D.D., lately of the Bhil field, India, Moderator of the General Assembly. Dr. Buchanan commended Miss Ramsay to follow in the footsteps of the pioneer missionary of Zorra and Oxford County, the late Rev. Leslie Mackay, who labored and died among his beloved Formosan people, and most impressively dedicated her to the great work.

The greetings of Central Church W.M.S. and Y.W. Auxiliary were presented in illuminated addresses by Mrs. W. H. Nichol and Mrs. G. Simpson respectively. The presentation from all the societies of the church of a beautiful purse of gold was made by Miss B. Stedman. Mrs. J. A. Brown, of Ingersoll, President of Paris Presbyterial, presented the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home pin. Miss Jessie Parsons, of Toronto, on behalf of the Council Executive, presented a beautiful Bible, and from the Canadian Bible Society, she presented another Bible in vernacular. The service closed with the benediction by Rev. J. A. Brown.

Further recognition and presentation was made to Miss Ramsay at the summer conference of Paris Presbyterial when she was presented with a leather writing case.

Miss Ramsay will sail for Formosa early in September.

Christians of Many Nations at Jerusalem

Extracts from an article in the Missionary Review of the World, written by Robert E. Speer of New York.

A UNIQUE and unprecedented gathering assembled in Jerusalem on March 24th and sat in conference until April 8th at the call of the International Missionary Council. It was composed of a little more than two hundred members, half of them from the churches of the nominally Christian countries in Europe and America and Australia and New Zealand, which have sent out missionaries in the foreign missionary enterprise, and the other half from the missionaries of these Churches and from the newer Churches which have grown out of their work. One third of the entire number, consequently, were representatives of these newer Churches of mission lands. In this, as in many other respects, the Jerusalem Council differed from the Edinburgh Missionary Conference and from every other missionary or church conference which has ever been held.

The International Missionary Council is the successor of the Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh Conference of 1910. When that conference closed it was felt that some provision should be made for the continuing care of the common influences which flowed from it and the Continuation Committee was the result. It was, however, a self-perpetuating and nonresponsible body which depended for its authority upon a conference which had adjourned and was receding into the past. In due

time, accordingly, this committee gave way and merged into a new body periodically appointed by and responsible to the various representative national foreign missionary agencies, like the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, which for thirty-five years has been the co-operative association of all the foreign mission boards of the United States and Canada. This new body, the International Missionary Council, consisted of seventy members chosen by the constituent agencies which included the three national councils or committees of the churches and missions in Japan, China and India. It was expected to meet every second year and three such meetings had been held—in 1921 at Lake Mohonk, in 1923 in Oxford, and in 1925 in Rattvik, Sweden. It was felt, however, that in view of present world conditions in the foreign missionary undertaking, a larger and more prolonged conference was needed. In consequence, with the approval of the national organizations, the membership of the Council for a special gathering was trebled, a number of special counsellors were invited, provision was made for a unique representation from the native or indigenous Churches and the enlarged Council met in the birth place of the Christian faith for the fortnight ending with Easter.

Time alone will reveal the true significance and result of the gathering but those who were present regarded it as the greatest experience of their lives.

The Council met on the Mount of Olives in the great stone building erected by the Germans as a hospice and sanatorium which had been taken over as headquarters of the government of Palestine after the war, but which the government had given up for such use after the earthquake of last year which seriously damaged the building and also the new Jewish University near by. The damage had been measurably repaired and the delegates lived in improvised barracks and ate together and assembled in the meetings of the Council in the great halls of the sanatorium. Eastward from the place of meeting we looked over Bethany and Anathoth, which was Jeremiah's home, and down across the barren wilderness of Judea to the valley of the Jordan and the green fields about Jericho, to the Dead Sea, in clear view, and to the mountains of Moab and to Nebo where the angels of God laid Moses to his rest. Westward we looked down the slope of Olivet to Gethsemane and the valley of Kedron and just beyond, to the whole city of Jerusalem spread out beneath us, with its wall and the Sheep Gate by the Pool of Bethesda, and the Gate Beautiful closed up in the wall, with the Temple area and the domes and minarets of the mosques and the domes and towers of the churches and Gordon's Calvary and the Tomb in the Garden just north of Herod's Gate. The dearest and holiest of all the memories of humanity flowed about the Council and filled with their sweetness every hour and every heart.

The unity of these memories and the faith and love beneath them

bound together the men and women who had come from all the ends of the earth to Jerusalem, from fifty-two different countries and from all races, thirteen Chinese, fifteen Indians, five Japanese, four Koreans, four Latin Americans, Burmese, Singalese, Egyptian, Malagasy, Filipino, Siamese, African, and the races of the West. We came from all the evangelical Churches. From the United States and Canada there were fifty of us and from Great Britain thirty, from Germany ten, from Netherlands three, from Scandinavia eight. There was one bishop from Japan and there were eight bishops and four canons of the Church of England who rendered immeasurable service to the cause of the Gospel and to the missionary enterprise. No one spoke with deeper evangelical loyalty or purer fervor or devotion.

There was an erect, straight-speaking chief of Uganda and there were extraordinarily capable and courageous women not from the Western lands alone but also from China and Korea and India and Japan. And the German delegation brought a note of the simplest and most unswerving faithfulness to the New Testament and to the convictions and principles and ideals of primitive Christianity.

The plan of the gathering was very simple and efficient. A series of papers had been prepared and circulated in advance of the Council meeting. Not all of these were taken up for consideration but for the first week from a half day to two days was given to each major subject. Each of these was opened and then discussed in seven-minute speeches and then referred to one of the ten sections into which the Council broke up for the second week. Each of these sections in turn, when it had reached a conclusion, appointed a findings committee to draft its mind. The reports of these committees were then presented to the Council as a whole and debated and corrected and referred back for revision and then finally adopted in plenary session.

In this way extended statements were issued as the mind of the Council on the following themes: The Christian Life and Message in Relation to Non-Christian Systems; Religious Education; Christianity and Industrial Problems; Christianity and Racial Relationships; The Christian Message in Relation to Rural Problems; Relations of the Older and Younger Churches; Medical Missions; Co-operation and the Home Base.

Then there were briefer resolutions on work for the Jews, the Protection of Missionaries and War. The findings, of course, had regard for the character of the Council as a missionary body. But two things were clearly seen, one that all Christianity must be missionary and the other that all missions and missionary practice and preaching and ideal and conception must be Christian.

There were thirty-four women delegates and no contribution was more impressive than the witness of women from Japan, China, India, and

Korea, and the Moslem Lands as to the place of women in the different religions of the world and as to what Christianity had done for those who spoke and for the womanhood which they knew.

The one other matter out of a multitude of which one must speak, was the unmistakable answer of the Council to the idea that the work of the foreign missionary is done. The immense unreached areas came clearly into view. The younger Churches declared their inequality to the vast task before them and their need of continuing and enlarged co-operation from the Churches of the Council in the expansion of their effort and the gift of their best men and women. In all lands Christ is the supreme need and therefore men and women in whom Christ lives and through whom Christ goes forth to the world are needed everywhere.

Among the meetings those which will linger in our hearts were the two communion services in which all who wished, and who could, came together in perfect fellowship and love about the table of our Lord; the Sunday afternoon talk by Bishop MacInnes, as we sat on the slope of Olivet overlooking Jerusalem, and as he described the building of the city and pointed out the scenes of our Lord's life in it; the morning walk on Palm Sunday from Bethany to Olivet with scripture and prayer and hymn on the way; the Thursday evening Communion at Christ Church near the Jaffa Gate and the walk through the silent streets of the city, through the Sheep Gate, to Gethsemane; and the hour of prayer under the olive trees with the Paschal moon shining on the temple area across the valley of Kedron; and the last service, where men and women of many races spoke and the Bishop of Salisbury made a simple and noble appeal to us all, and Dr. Mott said the appropriate closing words.

The last words of this report must refer to the unity to which in His great grace God brought the Council with regard to "The Christian Message."

"No one indeed, who was present," says Mr. Basil Mathews, "can ever forget the keen ecstasy of the hour when the Bishop of Manchester came to the last words of the statement on the Christian Message, and we knew that God had given to the Council a restatement of the Gospel in terms, rooted in reality, emerging from a profound and coherent theology, and vibrating and real for the new generation. Of all utterances given since the War through corporate Christian witness this seems to the writer to be incomparably the greatest."

"He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master."

Our Auxiliary at Mistawasis Reserve

Mrs. J. W. Moore

OUR Auxiliary meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the mission house and usually there is from ten to twenty in attendance, with about half as many babies and the other half a little past babyhood. This promises well for the future of our school which, through the influence of the W.M.S., is to be reopened. There is general rejoicing on receiving the news that the Government is giving us an improved day school. Many of the children live at such a distance that we seldom have a full attendance at any one time, which very much retards their progress. The school is one of the chief items of conversation at our Auxiliary meetings as our Mission Band is entirely composed of school children. We feel that the future of our Church is bound up in the children, and are doing our very best to instruct them in the divine plan for life here as well as teaching them the way to life eternal. John 3:16 is our school motto and that with the ten commandments, the singing of a hymn, and the Lord's Prayer, are our morning exercises before we begin the work of the day. It is delightful to notice the interest even the children take in the interests of the church, though their ideas are yet quite local, but the women especially as they come in contact with the church work beyond local limitations are getting a vision of the larger work of the church.

Mrs. Dreaver brought home from the Provincial meeting in Moose Jaw a full and detailed account of the work, and supervision of the Provincial Board over the work of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. She told the Auxiliary women that they must not interfere with the Mission Band funds as, according to the constitution, all Mission Band contributions must be sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer. One woman remarked that Mrs. Dreaver's report was worth twice the price of her ticket, as the members learn thereby something of their duties and responsibilities.

At each meeting of our Auxiliary articles of clothing and household decorations are given out to be made up, and those which have been finished are priced and purchased, and the profits put into the treasury. All items of news and interest on the reserve are usually discussed at our meetings. This adds greatly to the pleasure of attending and few of our members like to be absent. After all business is over I usually leave them to their own language while I prepare refreshments for a sociable parting. I must tell you one thing that happened at this stage of our last meeting. As I stood by after tea was over, they still spoke in Cree, so I remarked that they were somewhat rude to still speak in a language of which I understood so little. Thinking I probably understood more than they expected, they laughed to tell me that old-fashioned dresses such as I happened to be

wearing on that occasion were neater than the present loose ones. I may say here that they accurately copy prevailing styles and modes of dress and are beginning to cook and attend to household duties much as we do.

All the women who are members are much interested in the work of the Auxiliary and it is a real pleasure to have a part in the missionary work of the world. I am sure that our connection with the W.M.S. will do a marvellous work in broadening the sympathies of our Indian women, who are of the opinion that there is a feeling of superiority of white people over Indians, but Mrs. Dreaver told them on her return that there is a feeling of Christian sisterhood through the women of the Church.

Dolls and Balls and the Joy They Brought

A Letter of Thanks to Ontario Provincial Supply Secretary, from Miss Ruth Buchanan

YOU have waited a very long time, I know, for the "thank you" that all the Amkhut kiddies have been saying all year to the Toronto and London Presbyterials, and what a *wonderful* Christmas box it was! All the more glorious in the long run because it was waited for!

We knew it was on the way, your letter told us that, and we expected it with the Maitlands, of course, it was a disappointment when they finally arrived to know that the precious box *was* with their freight and couldn't possibly arrive before Christmas! What a mad three weeks we had, trying to concoct gifts for two hundred kiddies out of air! however, at last, it was done, and Christmas was a very happy, very sweet day.

It's absurd that Christmas packages and boxes should take so long to arrive! The Glen Morris parcels sent by *mail*, mind you, in October arrived the week after Christmas!

But as I look back on it all now, I wonder whatever we should have done if all the lovely things had arrived in time! Such a treasure they have been all through the year! As prizes; as birthday gifts; as gifts for sick or sad children; as an attraction in the Baby School; as gifts to the newly-arrived babies! and of all the lovely parcels your huge box was quite the most wonderful. Not one doll broken, not one article unsuitable! It would take a long, long time to tell of the smiles and happiness that came packed in the Toronto and London box. The dollies, how they are loved! The quilts—especially the baby quilts, the small size ones—were most appreciated; the sewing-bags for the big girls—who wouldn't try to sew well with such sweet little scissors and needle-holders? and do you know they just *love* to be given soap, imagine! The rulers and erasers and

blotters and pencils were given out at the beginning of this last term, to the big boys and girls in the school. I'm sure that the fact that their work books are much neater than those last term is partly due to the beautiful blueness of those Canadian rubbers.

Perhaps if I tell you of just one rubber ball and one dollie the story may give you some idea of the radiance that your gifts brought not to one kiddie, but to many. The thinnest and tiniest boy in the school is Shimon (Shee-Moan), he's eleven years old, but both his father and mother were famine orphans, and their poor constitutions seem to have told in their little son. He would be small for a child of seven—a wizened wee fellow—almost a cripple with one shoulder much higher than the other and a great bulging tummy that looks so strange and pitiful under his tiny, peaked face. There were six children, the oldest a girl of sixteen and the youngest a baby a few months old. In February their mother took ill, first with a heavy cold, then pneumonia, and before Dr. Maitland realized what was happening, she was gone. Those famine kiddies grown big, have no constitutions and no power or resistance in illness, and in a day they have gone under. Mother and I went over to the sad, sad little house on the hill. The morning sunlight filtered in through the spaces in the bamboo matting walls and like a mummy in one of her old red sarees, Mercy, the oldest daughter, sat at the foot of the bed with her little two year old sister beside her. Her young-old face had a strange look on it, older than the oldest-old woman's—sorrow, resignation, helplessness. It was infinitely pitiful. I told her to bring the kiddies to the bungalow in the evening after the funeral—that I had something for them. They came the whole little motherless brood, and the pity of it all seemed centered in Shimon, with his one shoulder higher than the other and his limping walk. Shimon got a rubber ball—a red and shining, bouncing bit of color. He darted down the hill to show it to the "fellows" and for the first time, I'm sure, in his life, crooked little Shimon was the leader in a game. Ruth, his little sister, is eight. I wish you could have seen her happy face when she hugged her dollie! All the labor of love of the many ladies who prepared that beautiful box would, I am sure, have been repaid by the happiness and the comfort that went with the ball and the dollie and the other little gifts that evening to the motherless home.

Thank you many, many times, over and under and round my "thank you" I hope you hear hundreds of little voices from far, far away saying in Hindi:—

"Thank you, thank you, thank you."

May this year bring you every good thing, and all the blessing of "the little, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

First Experiences in Japan and Formosa

Miss Jean M. Cummings

I SIMPLY cannot describe the beauty of Japan and Formosa. The people are fascinating and very interesting and the children are so lovely and friendly. I have started my language course and have a lovely teacher. In fact she is Miss Adams' teacher, but Miss Adams has kindly taken the new teacher, who was rather shy with me and covered her face with her hands when she spoke. I find the course of phonetics of great value in my pronouncing of words.

Formosa Bible Woman, Tan si Un.

Everyone has been so kind to me in Tokyo, Kobe and Formosa. I wish you could have had a peep at the reception that Miss Macdonald had at Yokohama. About twenty-five people met her. The sea was very calm the last day, especially in Tokyo Bay, and the sun was shining brightly but it was too misty to see Fuji. On arrival in Tokyo we had a Japanese supper at the Settlement with the family, or Miss Macdonald's co-workers. That night I had a great opportunity of seeing a little of Miss Macdonald's work and the privilege of attending one of her meetings and seeing her factory girls, prisoners and ex-prisoners. They were a merry and happy crowd and I have never seen such enthusiasm in any meeting. They love and reverence Miss Macdonald.

The next day one of Miss Macdonald's night school teachers, who can speak English, took me to see the temples and shrines, and in the evening we saw one of the old Japanese no plays, which are old historical stories. The stage is absolutely bare during the performance as the actors just do motions and one has to imagine what they are doing. Another curious thing is they never leave the stage during an act, but just sit down Japanese fashion and never move. It is wonderful the way they can stand for ages, chanting or singing their parts, and never move. The music was very strange too. The instruments were of three hundred years ago, just drums, which the men strike with their hands, and emit peculiar sounds with their

mouths. They also have a wooden whistle. This is called cat call music. The audience sat perfectly quiet through the whole performance.

The following morning I left Tokyo for Kobe. The scenery is beautiful and something like the Canadian Rockies. I had a lovely view of Fuji covered with snow. The valleys are well cultivated. The rice fields are a beautiful green just now and the orange trees are lovely too. I was met at Kobe by Mr. Young and I was very pleased to see him as I found that no one could speak English on the train. We took three days to cross over to Formosa. The captain was the only one on the ship who could speak English. The sea was lovely and calm and there were only a few business men travelling first class so I had a lovely time walking the deck. I was met at Keelung by Mrs. Taylor, Miss Adams, Miss Senior and Mr. Dickson.

When I arrived at Taihoku, it was just a dream to me. Everything is lovely, especially the hospital. We have a lovely dog, who answers to the name of Chum. He has befriended me and will scarcely leave me. I was invited to a dinner party my first night. Mr. Griffin kindly included me in his birthday dinner and I met everyone. There were twenty present and we had a lovely evening. Miss Senior took me to Tamsui where I had another delightful welcome.

They are very busy in the hospital just now, scarcely an empty bed, and I wish I could go over and help them. The nurses all seem lovely girls and they look so nice in their uniforms. The ones I did not meet when I went over came to see me. I have also met the other workers and from what I can see you have every reason to be proud of the native workers. I think they are wonderful, considering their home life and surroundings.

I know that I shall be very happy here as everyone has been so kind to me, and this with the friendly fellowship is a great incentive to me to get the language as soon as possible so that I might be able to take part in the work. When I was taken over the wards all the patients were very friendly and shook hands with me, much to Miss Senior's amusement, as this is not one of their customs, but they were all interested in the new foreign nurse. I must have looked very strange to them. Their manner towards the foreign nurses and doctors is like a loving friend, and they are very grateful, especially the Christians. They are just one large family united with the Christian's love for his brother.

Our Indian Boarding Schools

"CECILIA JEFFREY" SCHOOL—REV. A. D. MENZIES

THE year 1927 has been marked by real work and definite progress. The children enter the school between the ages of seven and fifteen and as a rule remain until eighteen years of age. From fifteen to eighteen they are half-day workers, the girls being instructed in the work of kitchen,

laundry, baking, etc., and the boys in out-of-door work. We have at present some half-dozen children under school age, these being a special care but were received because of death of the mother. At the close of the year we had 71 pupils enrolled. Early in the year an epidemic of influenza made it necessary to close the senior room for one week and the junior for two, but all made a good recovery and since that time their general health has been good.

Our school fared very well at the hands of the W.M.S. organizations. Our store-room is well stocked with supplies and we are grateful to the faithful women who seem always mindful of the practical needs of our mission schools.

Two of our ex-pupils, after two or more years training as nurses, have entered, one the high school, the other the public school at Kenora, desiring to reach the standing necessary for an R.N., and are doing good work.

Each day is opened and closed with worship led by the Principal or the Matron. On Sunday we have service at 11 o'clock, Sunday School at 2.30 o'clock and song service at 7.30 o'clock. We also have a service each Wednesday evening and moral and religious teaching is given in the school room.

BIRTLE SCHOOL—REV. H. B. CURRIE

While we have had a busy season getting our work running as we wished, the most important phase of it was carefully taken care of. Constantly we have kept before us the motive the W.M.S. had in view when first they started this work many years ago, "The World for Christ." Experience has taught the most effective road to that goal is through the children. Always we have tried to keep the word of God before them, in a way that they would understand. "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard," so with each new day we have turned to the Bible. It always has a fresh message to satisfy the hungry heart. After the reading of our morning lesson, with a short explanation, we have prayer. This is repeated in the evening. For our morning lesson we read the passage assigned in connection with the Sunday School lesson. We have Sunday School at three o'clock, and study the international ungraded lessons. There are seven classes, the staff of the school being the teachers. After the summer vacation we started to take a collection on the first Sunday of each month. From September to December, inclusive, the collections were $19.30. This is being used to purchase Sunday School supplies for 1928. But the chief idea of the collection is to train the pupils to contribute, as they are able, be it ever so small. We always have our own service at the school at seven o'clock each Sunday evening. All the pupils attend and usually the staff.

At Christmas we had an entertainment and Christmas tree which the children and their parents greatly enjoyed. Many Indians from the four Reserves were with us for Christmas dinner and the entertainment, after which the chiefs of Way-Way-See-Cappo Reserve, Rolling River Reserve, and Kee-See-Koo-Wenin Reserve all spoke, expressing gratitude and appreciation for the work the Church was doing for their children, and to the staff for their care of the children. They stressed the improved food supply provided.

Our school is full, but there are many children of school age on the reserves who would come to us if we could take them. The new school should provide accommodation for 125 pupils.

Prayer

"OUR Father, we thank Thee for the return of summer, for the glory of earth and sky, for Thy great out-of-doors, and for the joy of living in closer friendship with trees and fields and lakes and hills. We thank Thee for all happy holidays, for the time of rest and recreation, the days that are different. We thank Thee that for most of us some rest days come, and we pray Thee, our Father, for those to whom they are denied. We bless Thee for the spirit of helpfulness that sends so many weary mothers and little children to rest and play in open fields and beside cool waters, and we thank Thee, too, for the season that enables so many shut-in people in homes and hospitals, to live again in the open. When we remember Thy goodness, our hearts cry out, Father, we thank Thee! Hear us, we pray Thee, on behalf of all for whom we should pray, our home people, our friends, those who are not our friends, for the weary, the lonely, the disheartened. Our Father, grant to all some joy in living now, and some sure hope of a better living beyond. Bless, we pray Thee, the work of our magazine, and continue Thy blessing on all our workers. Very specially do we ask a restful holiday for our Editor. May quiet, unhurried, happy days be hers, as she leaves her desk for a much needed holiday. We thank Thee for the inspiration of another Council meeting. Wilt Thou greatly bless our new President, and all who work with her during the coming year. In Thy mercy pardon all our sins, and keep us Thine, for Christ's sake. Amen."

A Leap Year Birthday Party

MISS BERTHA W. ROBSON

IT was a very happy birthday I had, spent in real Indian fashion. School was held in the forenoon and then there was a half-holiday. We had a birthday breakfast out under the mango trees, at twelve o'clock. All the school children and teachers with their families, together with the Amkhut missionaries were present. Contrary to custom we sat at tables, the missionaries and teachers, and the children sat in rows on the ground.

Mr. C. S. McDonald and a typical Bhil boy with bow and arrows.

The feast consisted of stewed goat, with rice boiled in the broth and onions, raisins, cocoanuts, cloves and cinnamon added to it at various stages during the cooking. It may not sound very tempting, but I assure you 'tis a dish to set before a queen and the platter from which it was served was a galvanized bath-tub!

In the afternoon we had sports, races and contests of various kinds. The whole Christian community, big and little, was invited to that and how they did enjoy it! Dr. Buchanan, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Young and Mr. Toombs all helped to make it a success and the oldest was as young as the youngest. A new foot-ball for the boys, a new basket-ball for the girls, and sweets for all and the "big day" was over for another four years.

An Aeroplane Survey

SEPTEMBER–MAY

MISS LAURA K. PELTON, FIELD SECRETARY

SEPTEMBER was spent at the Saskatoon School Home. During that time I took charge of the Sunday class, giving one missionary address and affiliating them with the W.M.S. The name of the class is "Blue Banner Class," the motto, "In Honour, Truth, and Love We Serve." Since they affiliated they have sent the Presbyterial Treasurer $29.77.

On October 5th I commenced work in the Regina Presbyterial at Nokomis, visiting in all 15 Auxiliaries or congregations, speaking at 18 meetings, organizing 1 Mission Band. One feels one must especially mention Nokomis and Carnduff. When I was there we had no congregation in either place, but since then Carnduff has started services. They were the brightest, happiest little group at Nokomis, and gave me such a hearty welcome. One felt as though truly among friends, and how one admired their faith and zeal in continuing on in their missionary work, though without any Presbyterian services, and in a measure very much cut off from the work. At Carnduff we had the little Auxiliary meeting on Saturday afternoon, and it was a refreshing meeting. The President is a whole Auxiliary in herself, and wherever she is there is bound to be an Auxiliary. On Sunday evening we had a service in the Baptist Church through the kindness of the Baptist people there. There was an attendance of about sixty.

At Qu'Appelle the Auxiliary President took the opening part of the service in the morning. In the evening we had a young people's service and one of the young men took the opening part, and the address was more especially for the young people.

I found also a very delightful Auxiliary at Heward, south of Regina. The women have their programme all prepared for the year, and every one seemed so much alive. It was there the new Mission Band was organized.

In Moose Jaw Presbyterial I visited 7 places and addressed 10 meetings. Five of these were Thank-offerings. Weyburn was in the first burst of enthusiasm, after voting last spring to discontinue the independent regime and enter the Presbyterian. It was a Thank-offering, over 50 women present, an excellent programme was arranged and I think it was really about the finest meeting I had in Saskatchewan.

Pambrum is a little place south of Swift Current. The people are intensely interested in missions, and are loyal to our Society and to the missions of our Church. They know how to give, and they do give. They hold their meetings on Sundays because the distances are so great. The Mission Band also meets on Sunday, and the men are just as interested as the women. It is the most unique little family of missionary workers to be found in our Society.

We had a good number out in Regina. It was all very lovely in the new church with Mr. Farley presiding. There was some very fine music.

Prince Albert-Saskatoon Presbyterial itinerary commenced November 24th, with plans made to visit every Auxiliary and group in the Presbyterial, but the frightfully cold weather necessitated the cancelling of

much of this itinerary. Eight places were visited. Altogether I have addressed 21 meetings since last September, not counting the class meetings in the Home. In Saskatoon I have given 16 talks to the Blue Banner Class.

In Prince Albert-Saskatoon Presbyterial, an Auxiliary and Mission Band were organized at Melfort. On Sunday, November 27th, I went to Kinistino and supplied for the minister. There are two other appointments on this field and to my surprise, at Norden, the women approached me and said they would like to do something for our W.M.S. They did not feel that they could carry on both a Ladies' Aid and an Auxiliary, so we organized "something" and associated it with our W.M.S.

I addressed the congregation at Bigger. They have just organized and promise to be a strong cause. At the evening service we had about 250 people out.

The three Provincials were splendid meetings. Both Saskatchewan and Alberta brought out excellent discussions and there was a freedom of speech, and amiability of discussion, which made for construction.

What One Field Secretary Overtook

FROM JANUARY 1–MARCH 31, 1928

MISS P. B. LAMONT

THE first six weeks of 1928 were spent with headquarters in Toronto, where I addressed the Auxiliaries of St. Paul's, Central, Royce Ave., and Parkdale Churches, a Bible class and C.G.I.T. Groups of Victoria Church, and a Mission Band in Calvin Church. A feature worthy of note at the latter was the opening prayer offered by a seven year old girl without any previous preparation. It demonstrated how children can be trained. I attended and addressed the annual meetings of Chatham, Hamilton and London Presbyterials where reports showed splendid work being done. I also attended the meetings of Toronto Presbyterial and the Council Executive.

From February 14th to March 9th was spent in Ottawa Presbyterial, where I spoke at twenty-one meetings. I addressed Auxiliaries of the four city churches of which St. Giles is a growing minority group, worshipping in Seventh Day Adventist Church, which has become too small for the congregation. The Sunday School has already had to move to larger quarters. I also spoke to Knox Y.W. Auxiliary, C.G.I.T. Groups and Sunday School, and an independent Y.W. Auxiliary. In the four city churches there are twelve branches of our W.M.S. I addressed the Sunday

evening service in suburb of Westboro. Here a minority group, meeting in a Masonic Hall, have an Auxiliary and Mission Band, and are planning for a teen-age organization. The country sections as well as the city were badly broken up in 1925. Several congregations are too far removed from the Presbyterian groups to unite as one charge which increases the difficulty of getting good ministers.

Of the outlying towns I visited Aylmer, addressing the Sunday evening service, Bristol, Fort Coulonge, Pakenham, Hawkesbury, Richmond and Manotick. At the latter there is a fine new church and an enthusiastic W.M.S. At Pakenham there is a small but very energetic minority group meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall. Wishing to have a social hour at the close of the meeting they carried from home all necessary equipment, including the tea-kettle in which to heat the water. In 1926, the givings of this group, per member, were the largest in the Presbyterial. At Fort Coulonge, out of a congregation of about thirty-five, thirteen are members of the W.M.S. and there is a flourishing Mission Band. The Auxiliaries of Kinburn and Stittsville were to unite with other Auxiliaries, but bad weather and bad roads prevented their doing so. To get to the meeting at Torbolton, which is one of the country congregations, one woman walked two and a half miles in a blinding snow storm. Presbyterians still have grit. Here they have the teen-age girls members of the Auxiliary, as there are not enough for a separate organization. At South Gloucester another new church has been built which might well be called The Church on the Hill, as it has such a beautiful site. They have no W.M.S. organization. I addressed the Ladies' Aid and invited them to join us. They said they would do so at a later date. A meeting was planned for Kars, another country congregation, but on account of a fierce storm and blocked roads it had to be cancelled. For the same reason no meetings could be arranged for several country places.

On March 13th I began in Cobourg a two weeks tour of Peterborough Presbyterial. Here I met an enthusiastic group which included the senior Mission Band and the Home Helpers. Next came Port Hope, with Millbrook the following day. The Auxiliary of Centerville intended uniting with Millbrook, but here, too, the condition of the roads prevented all but one getting there. Peterborough came next with a union meeting of their two Auxiliaries. Sunday was spent at Lakefield, where I spoke both morning and evening. They are a minority group of about fifty members meeting in a theatre and hoping to build a church. They have a thriving W.M.S. After a day's rest in Peterborough, I went on to Hastings where there was a joint meeting with Norwood. It was in charge of the Y.W. Auxiliary of Hastings and they had men, women and children in attendance. Westwood and Keene followed, both minority groups, and both have

new churches, and a W.M.S. but no Mission Band. In Keene I found a Mission Band leader so expect to hear of a new organization. A ten mile cutter ride to Warkworth, where there is a flourishing W.M.S., and Mission Band, and a sixteen mile motor ride through snow, ice and mud to Colborne gave me to understand why some stayed at home instead of attending the meetings. I addressed Lakeport and Colborne congregations on Sunday and Brighton on Monday. The latter is a very enthusiastic minority group of forty members still meeting in a hall. They have an Auxiliary of twenty members and a live Mission Band who took part in the meeting. The following day I went to Grafton, a small minority group. They have use of the Anglican Church and co-operate with the Anglicans in many ways. The last meeting in the Presbyterial was at Bowmanville where an old church was bought and is being equipped. Harmony and enthusiasm seem to be outstanding characteristics and the number of young women in the Auxiliary was a noticeable feature. I found one or more branches of our W.M.S. in every place visited. Two new Mission Bands are assured and I am hoping for more. In sixteen days I addressed fifteen meetings, reaching twenty-one branches, and others would have been reached had the roads not broken up so soon.

In both Presbyterials the women are facing and overcoming difficulties. Both Mission Band and teen-age work need strengthening, but advances are being made. Everywhere I went I heard words of praise and thankfulness for the new study book and continued expressions of appreciation of the *Glad Tidings*. In the three months I addressed forty-eight meetings.

When Thou Prayest

REMEMBER:

Our Home Church and the workers in Sabbath Schools, Young People's Societies, C.G.I.T. Groups, W.M.S. Auxiliaries, and Ladies' Aids; inactive members and non-members. Pray that God will give the workers a vision of world need, and of their responsibility and opportunity in helping to meet it, and a realization that He will supply their every need in carrying out their task; that inactive ones may come to know the joy and blessing of service; that non-members may be led to accept and confess Christ, and join in His service; that the whole Church may be stirred to new life and a fresh realization of the grace and power of God.

OUR LETTER BOX

Work Among the Chinese

Montreal, Quebec.

"On Saturday of this week (April 21st) Miss Cameron's class in Stanley Sunday School are giving a party for our Chinese pupils, their mothers and friends, in the school. The children are, of course, quite excited over it. To-day we had the present of a used gramaphone from Mrs. Lamb of Knox-Crescent Church. When we get a few more suitable records—hymns and marches—it will be quite an asset to our school. We had thirteen in school to-day, as many as we had desks for. Two tiny children who only came to school in the mornings at first, insist on coming in the afternoons as well now. We had a very good attendance at our women's meeting last Wednesday, in spite of the fact that there were many mothers detained at home through sickness among the children. There were two women who never came out before and one who had only been once. Paris Mission Band are very good to us, sending dolls and scrap books several times." —*Miss Ethel C. Reid.*

Mission Band Work

Montreal, Quebec.

"I have been helping in the Mission Band at First Church. It is a very large Band and we have to divide into two groups for work. I have had a group of boys, real boys they are too. We have made ten cloth picture books. Some of the pictures are not pasted very straight but they are fairly passable. The older boys have done some work with fret saw."

—*Miss Mary Hugill.*

Presentation of Banner

Saskatoon, Sask.

"We have the organized class here in the Home and have been receiving Sunday School papers from Dr. Kannawin's office. We planned a special service for last week when Mrs. Brown, as President of the Presbyterial, presented to the class a beautiful banner which Miss Pelton had made, with the name of the class and the motto on it. Mr. Brown spoke on the class motto, and gave such a practical, helpful talk on the subject. It was all a surprise to the girls for we had not told them a word about Miss Pelton's idea of giving them the banner and they were so pleased

with it. I also had the Charter Membership, which was sent from Dr. Kannawin's office, signed and framed ready for the occasion. The banner was made in Toronto. It is of Presbyterian blue satin with the name 'Blue Banner Class' in large gold letters and underneath in smaller gold letters the words of the motto, 'In Honor, Truth and Love We Serve,' while up in the larger end is the burning bush painted in oils."

—*Miss Violet Scott.*

Exciting Days Because of a Tiger

Amkhut, India.

"While we were in Jobat a panther came and took a cow from a herd that was pasturing in the fields at the rear of our bungalow, out towards the high hills. It came at ten o'clock in the morning. Word was sent to the Rajah and he said to feed it and he would come to hunt it. Here all wild animals are preserved for his sport. It is against the law to shoot even to save your cattle. A buffalo was tied out for the panther to eat and of course it took it in preference to the dead cow. I believe their habit is to kill one day and suck the blood and the next day come back for the meat. The beast also got two other buffaloes, but now the Rajah is hunting in the neighborhood and perhaps Mr. Panther is no more."

Mrs. Young, Miss Williamson, and Mr. Toombs on the elephant's back

"Since writing the first part of this letter the panther has turned out to be a tiger. One day the Rajah's son was in this way looking for the beast. We were in Rajpur and met him on his way home, but he had not got a shot at it. They did see it and said it was from eight to ten feet long. It has eaten four buffaloes already. That was how they got suspicious that it was more than a common panther—when it took such large animals. The prince brought in an elephant from which to hunt and it is down at the tonna. We went down yesterday morning to have a look at it. It is very huge. Its keepers said we could have a ride if we came in the afternoon, so about half-past four we went down. Mrs. Young,

Mr. Toombs and I had quite a jaunt on it. Needless to say we had quite an audience. The elephant is left here for a few days as the prince is coming back again this week for another hunt. We saw it getting its food yesterday. It gets twelve big chirpatis at one meal, and there were about six or eight men cutting branches and bringing them. It did not eat the leaves, but the branches. It would take a branch up with its trunk, clean some of the leaves off and use it for a switch to brush the flies off itself. It is too bad that we did not have this exhibition while the delegation was here. Mr. Macdonald was in one day since Miss MacMurchy left and he saw about ten big monkeys on the Sardi road. They came clambering down out of the trees and stared at him.''

—*Miss Marion H. Williamson.*

War Time Conditions

Canton, China.

''We had very serious trouble in Canton just after Mrs. Strachan sailed. Since then, until two weeks ago, Canton has been very quiet and we were most hopeful about the general situation. But alas! the Reds seem to be active again and people are very uneasy. Many of the influential Chinese have fled to Hong Kong and martial law is being observed in the city. The last two days things have been easier. I fear we must expect troublesome times for a few years more. It is a bit wearing on the nerves and I am so sorry for the Chinese merchants and others, they are about discouraged. The situation in the north is causing a good deal of anxiety and of course we feel the effects down here too. So much of the money needed for the northern expedition has to go from the south—a terrible waste of money.

There are many reasons why it is nice to live in the big city but there are also some disadvantages on the money question. Living is much higher here than in the country. Taxes, water rates, etc., that the people in each house must pay, and food are much more expensive, and journeys across city, or into the city, cost terribly. Of course conditions are not normal, and all have to share in bearing the load of debt that the province is struggling under because of these ceaseless wars. One great advantage here is the very close touch we have with Chinese students of all schools, and hosts of interesting Chinese people. 'The Church of Christ in China' is making such a brave attempt to carry on work that has been handed over to them. We have some very fine leaders here in Canton, and they are more and more convinced that what China needs is Christ.''

—*Dr. Jessie McBean.*

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for July-August

"THE ROYAL ROAD"

Hymn—"At Even E're the Sun Did Set." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings* p. 259). *Scripture Reading*—Luke 7:18-23. *Minutes. Business. Offering. Study Topics*—Chapter IV—(1) Give the story of the beginning of our Hospital work, following it up to the present time, telling the number of hospitals our W.M.S. supports in Canada, when they were established, where they are located and what assistance the Government gives. The names of the Superintendents might also be given. By referring to the annual report or May *Glad Tidings* statistics for the past year may be found. Ask the C.G.I.T. Group to dramatize the little play "Inasmuch," which is found in the Patriotic and Missionary Pageant, price 10c. Refer to back numbers of the *Glad Tidings* for instances relating to work in our hospitals. (2) Discuss the immigration question and the contribution the immigrant makes to Canada. Tell what the term "Welcome and Welfare" means and show the picture, which appears in the May issue, of the new pin to be worn by our Welcome and Welfare workers. This issue also contains a condensed account of work accomplished by our workers last year. Give the names of our port workers. Tell about the work being done by Mrs. Mackenzie at All People's Mission, Gonor, and read her report in the study book and March *Glad Tidings*. Tell where girls are trained to be deaconesses and missionaries and how many graduated this spring. (3) Tell of the comfort and joy brought to newcomers, lonely and needy families by our supplies. See May *Glad Tidings*. Discuss the question—should supplies be bought wholesale or made by the Auxiliaries? For further help in these topics see "Agnes Sorrel Forbes," price 25c.; "New Ontario," price 10c.; Government reports; "Our Canadian Mosaic," price 75c. *Hymn*—"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life." *Closing Prayer.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

"THE DAYSPRING"

IN Nova Scotia one is constantly reminded of the debt we owe to those who planted the faith in early pioneer days. Particularly in Pictou County, which remained staunchly Presbyterian, does one feel as if treading on hallowed ground, for it has contributed more missionaries

than any other part of Canada. It was here that Dr. John Geddie came with his parents from Scotland as a very small sickly child. His life story is one of quiet determination, and devotion to the cause of Christ. He was the first missionary to hear the call to foreign lands, and after years of waiting, praying, and educating the church as to the need for Canada to begin foreign work, he went to the New Hebrides in 1848. A summary of his work is left on record inscribed in a tablet placed behind the pulpit in the church at Anelcauhat, but more indelibly inscribed in the hearts and minds of all Maritimers:

"In memory of John Geddie, D.D., born in Scotland in 1815—minister in Prince Edward Island seven years. Missionary sent from Nova Scotia to Anelcauhat, Anertyum, for twenty-four years. He labored amid many trials for the good of the people, taught many to read, many to work, and some to be teachers. When he landed in 1848 there were no Christians, and when he left in 1872, there were no heathen. He died in the Lord in Australia, 1872. 1 Thess. 1-5th."

Shortly after his arrival he sent home a request for a small boat. Though poor and straining all energies to maintain his work, the Church planned to send him a boat, larger than the one he asked for, and immediately gave Mr. Carmichael, New Glasgow, the contract.

But how to finance and maintain it? The children of Canada and Australia joined hands and built the ship! To-day the descendants of those children tell how their mothers did without sugar on porridge, and in tea, earned, and saved, that Dr. Geddie's dream might be realized.

The boat was called "The Dayspring," and how fitting! It brought light and salvation to the then cannibal tribes, and enabled Dr. Geddie and his co-workers to more adequately and safely serve their islands, loved ones.

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Girls of to-day have much more than girls of yesterday. They have shown us a way, let us try to follow in their footsteps. Millions are calling for us to "give up" and "do without."

This year we are going to study India, and a new text book will be ready by September, and we hope to have a special piece of work in India for you, hence the "Dayspring" story.

Leaders, if you have not read "The Christ of the Indian Road" by Stanley Jones, do so, and then read "Christ at the Round Table" by the same author. You will realize how sorely India, the most religious country in the world, needs Christ. Their hopeless feeling after God, their yearning for peace is wonderfully shown. Also read all you can about India, generally, in current magazines, and books, so that you will be ready for "more" when it comes.

Be sure to get a copy of the Annual report for 1927—and read it to become informed about our work and workers. A report sounds uninteresting, but this is a real vital message not dry statistics.

In these days of midsummer rest from regular group activities, of holidays in quiet by-paths, "let us lay aside every weight," and drink anew from the "Fountain," that we may come back in September aglow for Christ, eager to lead our girls to Him.

Mrs. Young's Sunday School class, Westmount, Edmonton, Alta., has organized a C.G.I.T. Group.

The C.G.I.T. Groups of First Church, Edmonton, Alberta, are especially proud of the distinction of one of their members, Miss Margaret Kinney, who was runner-up for that Province in the recent Dominion contest in public speaking, held in Toronto on May 16th. Still only sixteen years of age, she is president of the Edmonton Girls' Council of the C.G.I.T. and expects to follow C.G.I.T. work after attending university.

On Saturday, June 9th, the Presbyterian Canadian Girls in Training of Toronto and surrounding centres enjoyed a picnic at Reservoir Park under the auspices of the Leaders' Association. There were 162 girls present representing the following churches: Bonar, Dovercourt, Eglinton and Bedford Park, High Park, Long Branch, Riverdale, Runnymede, Todmorden, and Victoria. The programme consisted of games, races, treasure hunt, stunts and campfire scene.

Miss Isabel Burleigh has received the Rotarian Medal given at the St. Catharines High School for general all-round student. Isabel is president of the St. Catharines Girls' Council, and also of Knox Presbyterian C.G.I.T. Congratulations Isabel.

MISSION BANDS

THE following is the programme as it was given by the Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Society in April.

Opening Hymn—"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus."

Lord's Prayer—in unison.

Minutes.

Roll call—answered by name of Bible character.

Scripture reading—"The Good Samaritan," Luke 10:25-37.

Hymn—"The Whole Wide World for Jesus," second verse sung as solo.

Memory Test:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with

all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself.''

Offering and offering hymn:

''Dear Jesus, our offering we bring Thee,
With gladness this tribute we pay
To Him who looks down on the children
And never turns any away.

Though small is the offering we bring Thee
It carries the love of the heart,
Accept it dear Lord from the children
The children who gladly take part.''

Work of the W.M.S. in Ontario by six scholars:

First Child—HOSPITAL—''Much interest was taken in the opening of our hospital at South Porcupine and a generous quantity of supplies was given. Apples and canned fruit were very acceptable and the gift of a victrola was appreciated.''

Second Child—EDUCATIONAL—School Homes. ''Six Presbyterials have a share in providing the supplies required for Saskatoon School Home, one of these sending canned fruit. New Liskeard School Home was also provided with canned fruit and apples.''

Third Child—INDIAN RESERVES—''Generous bales of quilts and clothing and also Christmas gifts were sent to the Indians.''

Fourth Child—MISSION FIELDS—'' 'Bales of blessing,' as they are sometimes called, have been distributed in northern Ontario and the western provinces. The packing of these bales is a labor of love and the opening of one is described as being like a visit from Santa Claus. An organ donated by Woodbridge Auxiliary was much appreciated by a minority group in northern Ontario.''

Fifth Child—SOCIAL SERVICE—''This Department includes Deaconess, Welcome and Welfare and Jewish work. Supplies of various kinds including canned fruit and apples have been sent to Mrs. McKenzie at Gonor, Man. Christmas gifts were prepared for the Jewish women and children at Scott Institute, Toronto.''

Sixth Child—ORIENTALS IN CANADA—''The Christmas gifts prepared for the Chinese women and children in Toronto were much appreciated.''

Prayer:

''Our heavenly Father, now we pray
That Thou wilt bless our group to-day,
Be with all children in our land;
Help one and all to understand
Thy loving kindness and Thy care,
And in Thy work to humbly share.

May we be ever true and strong
To help the right, oppose the wrong,
And neighborly and helpful be
To all from lands across the sea;
That they may learn to know and praise
Our Lord and Saviour all their days.'' AMEN.

Work of the W.M.S. by four girls:

First Girl—SCHOOL HOMES—"The School Home for girls was built in Saskatoon, Sask., in 1926 at a cost of $30,000. It accommodates easily forty girls and the staff, and is in charge of Miss Violet Scott.

The Presbyterian School Home at New Liskeard, Ont., was opened in 1926 with an enrollment of nine. At the close of the year sixteen were in attendance. The school is in charge of Miss Janet Manson.

'Cecilia Jeffrey' Indian Boarding School, in charge of Rev. A. D. Menzies, opened with sixty-two pupils in residence. Three of the ex-pupils in this school are now training in hospitals.

'Lucy Baker' School Home, Prince Albert, Sask., Miss Robina Paterson in charge. Two of the fourteen girls in this school succeeded in getting normal certificates.

Vegreville School Homes, Alta., Mr. Jas. Hall, Superintendent. In 1926 there were forty-one enrolled. Four of these pupils are now engaged in the teaching profession.

'Hugh Waddell' School Home, Canora, Sask. Indians, Hungarians, Ukrainians and American girls attend this school."

Second Girl—HOSPITALS—"All the mining district of South Porcupine, Ont., was served by our hospital there. During 1926 there were one hundred and eighty-three patients treated there. One-third of this number of patients were operative cases, and the large part of the patients were non-Anglo-Saxon.

Fort McMurray, Alta. Miss Olive Ross in 1926 reported treating eight patients in the hospital besides caring for fifty adult patients and a dozen babies in their homes, mostly Indian. In visiting patients she did the necessary dressing, also taking nourishing food to those unable to procure it.

'Rolland M. Boswell' Hospital, Vegreville, Alta., reported three hundred and forty-five patients treated. The staff includes a Superintendent, three nurses and a relief nurse engaged when necessary."

Third Girl—SOCIAL SERVICE—"Hospital visitors, workers in homes and missions, 'channels of blessing' to the poor, the needy, the sick, the lonely and those who are tempted, come these consecrated workers, willing at all times to assist, comfort and serve whenever opportunity or need presents.

Linked up with the Deaconess Department is that of the Welcome and Welfare. Newcomers to our land are met at our ports and given a welcome. Last year 22,000 names were received and followed up. A welcome, words of advice, a wee gift and an invitation to church life, were given to these strangers."

Fourth Girl—ORIENTALS IN CANADA—"In Victoria there is a kindergarten class of thirty-eight pupils, all Chinese. Twenty of these have to be called for each day and returned to their homes. These little ones are taught prayers, action songs, hymns, Bible stories and verses. In Vancouver a kindergarten class has also been started. Fourteen pupils have been enrolled. The pupils are called for every morning. The parents have welcomed the teachers to their homes and have shown much interest in their children being taught.

In Saskatchewan Miss Ethel Reid visited all the Chinese women and children. She gave them all an earnest gospel message and left tracts in their homes.

In Toronto, Ont., much success has attended the work done among the Chinese. A Sabbath afternoon service is held for Chinese women at No. 7 Murray Street. A class of Chinese children meets every Saturday afternoon. They are taught sewing, games, hymn singing and Scripture.''

Announcements.

Hymn—''In Our Hearts Celestial Voices.''

Benediction:

''Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God. Amen.''

Words and music of the above benediction may be found in ''Talks on New Chums for Young Canadians.''

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

THE sad news of the death at sea of Dr. John Wilkie of the Gwalior Mission, India, brought great sorrow to the hearts of many W.M.S. members, to whom his name had been a household word in Indian missions for a half century.

The ladies of the little congregation at Vegreville have organized a W.M.S. Auxiliary with seven members.

North Hill Auxiliary, Calgary, is making a good financial showing so far this year. Six Home Helpers have been added. The average attendance is eleven. The ''Buchanan'' Y.W. Auxiliary, organized in May, is well attended and the ''Little Builders'' Mission Band, under the leadership of Mrs. McNabb, is making good progress.

Following the regular business at the May meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Edmonton, the Mission Bands gave the programme. Miss Marjorie Mackenzie, president of the South Side Branch took the chair and conducted the meeting admirably. The South Side Branch put on a playlet, ''The Mite Box Convention''; the East Side Band sang a chorus ''The Call of the Children''; and a sketch called ''Our Flag,'' giving the origin and description of the Union Jack, was presented by the Central Band. Various members of the Bands contributed recitations and piano solos. Her co-workers in the South Side Branch presented their president with a second year seal, in recognition of her interest and leadership, Mrs. McQueen making the presentation.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. ROBB SUTHERLAND, 2145 STEPHENS ST., VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

THE annual rally of the Mission Bands of Westminster Presbyterial was held recently in Mount Pleasant Church under the leadership of Mrs. Angus McKenzie. Two hundred children were present from Greater Vancouver, New Westminster and the Fraser Valley. Each Band contributed to the programme with songs, dialogues and choruses. Greetings from the Provincial Society were presented by Mrs. Henry Pillar, President; from the Presbyterial by Mrs. James Herd; and from the Church by Rev. Thomas Wilson and Mrs. W. J. Gourlie, President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary.

The work of the Mission Band is flourishing and great things are expected in the future from so many bright young people.

Good news comes from Prince Rupert. A W.M.S. Auxiliary and a Mission Band have been formed and C.G.I.T. Groups reorganized.

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WINNIPEG P.S.—First Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg, held their Easter Thank-offering meeting, April 11th with Rev. N. McEachern as chairman. A short address "The History of our W.M.S." was given by Mrs. A. E. Stirrett. Beautiful Easter slides were shown, taken from the world's great paintings on the life of Christ, explained by Mr. Salter of the Bible Society. Two missionary hymns were also illustrated by slides and the singing was inspirational. The collection was very gratifying.

Calvin W.M.S., Weston, held their Easter Thank-offering meeting April 3rd. Rev. Mr. Johnstone presided. Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Provincial President, gave a very interesting talk on our mission work in British Guiana, and showed some very revealing slides made from photographs taken by Mrs. McKerroll on her recent visit there. Mrs. A. M. L. Long, Presbyterial President, gave an inspiring talk. Mrs. H. W. Huntley, Secretary of Girls' work, spoke briefly on the value of reading good books. Members of the Mission Band contributed recitations and musical numbers.

Brandon P.S.—First Church W.M.S., Brandon, held their Easter Thank-offering, April 27th, with Mrs. John A. McDonald, Presbyterial President, in the chair. Rev. C. S. Oke took the devotional exercises and spoke on the importance of obeying the last two commands of our Lord: the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and "Go ye into all the world." Mrs. J. J. Cowan, of St. Andrew's Church, gave an interesting and helpful address on Mission Band work. Mission Band work to be

successful must have the co-operation of the parents. When we get every mother interested many of our problems will be solved. "Are we not to-day," she said, "laying too much stress on the fact that we are Presbyterians, and not nearly enough on what Presbyterianism stands for." A duet by Glennys Davis and Annabelle Hutton was appreciated. The collection was very good. At the close of the meeting a social half hour was enjoyed.

The fourteenth annual meeting of Brandon P.S. opened on May 23rd with a young people's rally. Mrs. D. W. Yuill, Young People's Secretary, presided. The Girl Guides and Brownies of First Church, under their leaders, Miss J. Gemmill and Miss M. Pepper, put on a demonstration: enrolment of a Brownie; the ten guide laws; and a bandaging and first aid demonstration. At the close of this they took up a collection and presented it to the Missionary Society as their affiliation contribution. Commissioner Mrs. J. S. Matheson of First Church addressed the meeting on Girl Guide work. As this work is practically new in our Presbyterian Church, the demonstration and address were most interesting. It was felt that the only thing needed to make this work more successful was more leaders. Miss MacMurchy, of Toronto, addressed the young people, congratulating them upon their affiliation with the W.M.S. and the splendid demonstration they had put on. She had been thrilled, she said, by what she had seen and heard. Miss MacMurchy gave an illustrated address on our mission fields.

On May 24th, three sessions were held in St. Andrew's Church, with Mrs. John A. McDonald, Presbyterial President, presiding. There was a very representative delegation present. The membership increased by 81 during the year, and the givings by $347.31. All reports were most encouraging. Mrs. A. Andison brought greetings from the Provincial Society and Rev. C. S. Oke from the Presbytery.

Mrs. R. A. Hamlin, Forrest, and Mrs. J. J. Cowan, Brandon, had charge of the Mission Band hour. More interest on the part of the mothers in the Mission Band and the leaders was urged by Mrs. Cowan. By so doing a great many of our problems would disappear.

Miss MacMurchy gave a very vivid description of our work in India. She also took charge of the question drawer and helped to solve many of our problems. The Brandon Presbyterial is deeply indebted to Miss MacMurchy for the help and inspiration she brought.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. James Henderson, who for many years has been a faithful worker in the W.M.S., was made an Honorary member through the kindness and generosity of Mrs. Hudson, of Kenton, our wonderful minority group of one.

Change in officers—Mrs. A. G. McDonald, Brandon, is now Cor-

responding Secretary and Mrs. Sinclair, Brandon, Recording Secretary.

Delegates to the Council were, Mrs. John A. McDonald, Brandon, Mrs. D. W. Yuill, Melita, and Miss Connell, Neepawa.

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

BARRIE P.S.—The "Bright Sunbeams" Mission Band, of Orillia, has secured 17 Junior Memberships this year, making a total of 24. A valentine party is a successful and enjoyable annual event.

The "Rosalind Goforth" Mission Band, of Penetanguishene, presented the pageant "Heralds of the King" at its annual closing. The treasury holds $35.00, all free-will gifts.

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—The fourteenth annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound, the President, Mrs. W. A. McWilliam, presiding. Illness prevented the attendance of the Honorary President, Mrs. Norman Robertson, Walkerton. The 17 Auxiliaries were represented by 200 delegates. Reports showed splendid results in all departments, and receipts of $3,281.56 exceeded the allocation by nearly $500. Special speakers were Miss Winifred Ferguson, Superintendent of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto; Mrs. Duncan MacGillivray, Paisley, and Rev. J. W. MacNamara, D.D. The next meeting will be held in Chesley.

Guelph P.S.—The fourteenth annual meeting convened in St. Andrew's Church, Kitchener, May 8th. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Presbytery which was meeting in the same place. The chair was taken by the President, Miss McLellan. Progress was reported by each of the 14 Presbyterial Secretaries. The Treasurer had sent on to the Provincial Treasurer $7,469.46; 23 Life Memberships, 2 In Memoriam Certificates and 14 Junior Memberships had been issued. The roll call was responded to by 21 Auxiliaries. Following a notice of motion, the date of the annual meeting was changed from May to January. Miss Dickson spoke on her work in China for thirteen years and now among the Chinese in Canada.

One new officer was elected, Mrs. McDonald, Elora, now being the Mission Band Secretary.

Sarnia P.S.—The fourteenth annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, on May 9th, with the President, Mrs. D. Ritchie, Point Edward, in the chair. The 25 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 694, contributed $4,604.23, being $4.44 over their allotment. All reports showed corresponding advance. Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, was the special speaker. Watford will be the meeting place in 1929.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE JAW P.S.—At a recent meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Moose Jaw, Mrs. J. H. Drynan was presented with a Life Membership and pin in appreciation of her efficient service as leader. Mrs. D. House read an address and the presentation was made by Mrs. A. Dalgarno.

An interesting and solemn service took place in St. Andrew's Church, Swift Current, when Miss Anna Brell, of Pambrum, one of the six young women who graduated from the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home in Toronto, was designated to her special sphere of labor.

Rev. D. G. Cameron, Moderator of the Presbytery, presided, Rev. C. G. Muir read the Scripture selection, and Rev. R. Honeyman, Clerk of the Presbytery, gave the address. Mrs. Cameron conveyed the congratulations of the Provincial Society and, at the request of the Principal of the Training Home, attached to Miss Brell's uniform the official badge of office. Miss Brell is now assistant Superintendent of the Girls' School Home in Saskatoon.

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—At the April meeting of the St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, Mrs. R. H. A. Haslam, wife of the Principal of Emmanuel College, gave a most interesting address on the topic, "My experiences as a medical missionary among the Moslem women in India."

"The Measure Girls' Circle" of Parkview Church, Saskatoon, which is an organization of two Sunday School classes, have affiliated with the W.M.S.

Much personal interest attached itself to the address on missionary work in British Guiana as presented at the meeting of Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, with Mrs. R. J. Macdonald as speaker. The fascinating story of the pioneer work begun in Trinidad sixty years ago by Dr. and Mrs. Morton was told, with accompanying lantern slides of pictures taken by Mrs. McKerroll during her visit there last year. Rev. W. J. Burnett operated the lantern as Mrs. Macdonald recounted the heroic experiences the pictures suggested.

Mrs. Jas. McAra, Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, and Mrs. Walter Martin were delegates to the Council Meeting in Vancouver.

Entered into Rest

ROBSON—At Norwood, Ontario, Mrs. Elizabeth Robson, member of the W.M.S. Auxiliary for over forty years, at the time of her death being Honorary President, and a Life Member of the Society.

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Westminster P.S.—Aux., M.B., and C.G.I.T. Group, Prince Rupert.

Ontario

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Ontario	9,000.00	Indian School, "Cecilia Jeffrey"	312.84
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	$10,540.49		$15,488.95

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Balance on hand April 30th, 1928	$67,506.37	
Receipts	10,540.49	
Disbursements		$15,488.95
Bank Balance		10,359.89
Pension Fund		14,568.53
Sustaining Fund		32,087.22
Legacy Fund		4,025.61
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Cash on Hand		516.66
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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

WE remember at this time of the year our Thank-offering meetings, and those in our Society who are so earnestly appealing for greater interest on the part of our women in the work of missions.

We would also like to draw the attention of our women to the need of their Church in its budget appeal, and would remind them that they are members of the Church first and members of our Society afterwards. There need be no conflict between the Church's budget and the budget of the Women's Missionary Society, and the giving to one need not interfere with the giving to the other. We must remember, too, that the W.M.S. work is a part of the work of the Church and was given to us by the Church, and, if neglected by us, would mean the cutting out of all work for women overseas and all institutional work in Canada.

But the budget of the Church, with its call for the upbuilding of our Church in weaker places, with its appeal for the supporting of the colleges in their training of young men so sorely needed in the work of the ministry, constitutes an appeal to our women which they dare not overlook. The women of the Presbyterian Church did much to save their Church, let them now come to her aid and help to save her for larger and fuller service.

THE VAST STRIDES MADE BY THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY between 1908 and 1927 is shown in the following figures. In 1908 the circulation was 132,633 volumes, in 1927 434,230 with a corresponding increase in income from $58,541.52 to $253,990.85. It should also be noted that during the last twenty-five years a notable advance has been made in the general equipment and efficiency of the organization in Canada. In 1905, there were operations going on in some thirteen places east of Toronto and the Upper Canada Bible Society was, for pretty well a hundred years, almost entirely responsible for any work being done between Toronto and the Pacific, though there were perhaps one or two lesser unattached activities in progress.

In 1905 there was no "Bible house" properly so called, in Canada. To-day there are ten fine houses spread like a belt from sea to sea and over one hundred in the world. Two notable additions have recently been made—the Bible House in Addis Abbaba, Abyssinia, and that in

Jerusalem. Regarding the latter an interesting fact is that Canadian friends gave over $12,000 towards the cost of the Jerusalem House and of that amount the young people of South Saskatchewan collected $1,150. A beautiful new Bible House is in course of erection in Peking, the foundation stone having been laid by a widely known Chinese scholar, a significant incident when it is remembered that a century ago the Scriptures were not available for Chinese speaking people.

The world work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in which the Canadian Bible Society is a partner and towards which it contributed $90,000 in 1927, included, last year, the publishing of versions in 600 forms of human speech. By means of 900 colporteurs and other agencies, and the co-operation of many missionaries, over ten millions of copies of Scriptures have been placed in the hands of readers.

"The Society has made the Bible the cheapest and most accessible book in the world. It supplies without cost to the missionaries of the overseas missions of almost every Reformed Church in Europe and the British Empire all the Scriptures they need. It co-operates with missionaries in the preparation of versions, it prints the editions, bears the loss involved in the sale at prices within the purchasing power of the poorest and pays the carriage of volumes to the farthest mission station. Last year no less than fourteen new versions were produced. The world-wide spread of education is raising up millions of new readers every year and it is cheering to know that in so many tongues the first book to come within the reach of a people is a portion of Holy Scripture provided by the Bible Society."

A CONFERENCE that will undoubtedly contribute to the effectiveness of missionary visitation during the year, was held at the Canadian School of Missions, September 27th and 28th. About one hundred furloughed missionaries and Board Secretaries, representing different denominations attended. Miss G. A. Gollock, of London, England, for many years associated with Mr. J. H. Oldham in the editorship of the "International Review of Missions," and recognized as one of the finest missionary thinkers of the day, was an honored guest and made a valuable contribution to the Conference. Among the questions discussed were: Some Current Criticisms of Foreign Missions; What Constitutes a Missionary Address; Happenings and Trends in the Mission Fields of Which the Home Church Should be Informed; Bearing of the Jerusalem Meeting Upon Our Missionary Message to the Churches.

THE ANNUAL REPORT FORMS are in process of preparation and will be sent out shortly. To prevent mistakes later, we would say to the Secretaries: follow instructions; be sure your totals are correct, last

year there was a difference of $1,000 in the addition of one column; do not insert unnecessary information; be sure that names are in alphabetical order; print initials. Above all see that amounts of money are credited to the proper sources. We at the head office can only print the amounts reported. Last year several Societies were bitterly disappointed on seeing a blank opposite the name of their Society instead of the sum they had worked so hard to raise. Secretaries can prevent a recurrence of this by sending in accurate returns. Should any branch fail to receive its quota of report forms, or require more, kindly send word to the head office.

THE W.M.S. HAD THE PRIVILEGE again this year of assisting the Jewish Summer Camp at Bowmanville, which Mr. and Mrs. Zeidman have conducted so successfully for the past few years. This year, in addition to the one hundred and fifty Jewish children, they were asked to care for the wives and children of returned soldiers. This added ninety more children to their family. The mingling of these races was in the nature of an experiment but it proved eminently satisfactory.

A CHINESE KINDERGARTEN for children of pre-school age has been opened in Toronto. Miss Dickson has long felt the need of this and we are glad that our W.M.S. has seen its way to inaugurate it.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY goes out to Miss Luella Crockett, of Hopewell, N.S., our beloved South China missionary, who has just lost her father.

WE REPORT WITH REGRET two resignations—Miss Muir from the Council Executive, because of ill health, and Miss Templeton, Superintendent of the South Porcupine Hospital. Miss Templeton hopes to serve the W.M.S. at another point when opportunity presents.

MISS YOUNG, who was loaned to us for five months and who rendered such fine service in Manchuria, returned to her work in Central China in September.

A CABLEGRAM has been received announcing the safe arrival in Japan, of Miss McLean, and of Miss Ramsay and Miss Douglas in Formosa.

THE W.M.S. EXPECTS to be in permanent quarters shortly, not in the Federal Building as announced, but in the new building on the southwest corner of Bay and Richmond Streets (372 Bay Street). The office

will be found on the seventh floor. We had hoped to be permanently settled by October 1st and so did not make known our temporary address, and we regret if this has caused any inconvenience to our members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS will be received for the *Missionary Review of the World*, $2.10 per year, club rates. Why not give it as a Christmas gift to your minister and other friends. No other magazine gives any finer outlook on world missions.

The New School Home in Huntingdon, Que. Officially Opened

THE formal opening of the Huntingdon School Home of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada took place on the afternoon of September 27th; under the auspices of the Montreal

New School Home, Huntingdon

Presbytery, convened in special session for the occasion. Several hundred people were present, about 130 of whom went out from Montreal to attend the ceremony, which was presided over by Rev. J. D. Anderson,

of Beauharnois, ex-moderator, in the absence of Dr. I. A. Montgomery, moderator. Mrs. Daniel Strachan, of Toronto, President of the Women's Missionary Society, was present on behalf of the Society to present the Home to the Presbytery for dedication, and the prayers of dedication were read by Rev. A. S. Reid, B.D., synodical missionary. Addresses were given by Mrs. I. C. Sharp, President of the Quebec Provincial Society; Mrs. Owen Campbell, Quebec Presbyterial; by Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, President of the Montreal Presbyterial, and by Mrs. Annie C. Gouldthorpe, Superintendent of the new Home. Rev. J. R. MacLean, D.D., led the devotional exercises.

Mrs. Annie C. Gouldthorpe, Superintendent New School Home, Huntingdon, Que.

Rev. Dr. I. A. Montgomery, moderator of the Presbytery of Montreal, whose city engagements prevented him from being present at the dedication ceremony, sent a congratulatory letter addressed to the Women's Missionary Society in which he said: "I should like to congratulate you on your very splendid effort to meet a real need long felt in our province. Without doubt, the coming years will justify the wisdom of your undertaking and many a word of commendation will be spoken for the splendid disinterestedness and pure humanity which lie behind this enterprise.

"It is quite possible that many of you will never see the faces or know the names of the generation you will help so nobly. It is one thing to please someone who attracts us by beauty of form and charm of manner, and who gives us a personal return for the benefits we confer. But it is a higher thing and more wonderful to love others with an impersonal interest from which no material good will ever return to you, but in which all the advantage lies on the side of the little folk, who will profit by your outlay of thought and care and heart and wealth. This was the sort of love Christ gave to mankind. With all my heart I therefore congratulate you."

This School Home was opened for the purpose of making Christianity a stronger force in the life of the youth of the Church, it was explained by Mrs. D. Strachan. It would provide a home for 25 boys and girls from outlying districts, who had not the advantage of church and school

surroundings. It was hoped also by the W.M.S. that the Home would be used by the Church as it saw fit for summer schools or special courses for leaders.

The cost of the School Home with improvements and equipment was $13,756. The seven School Homes throughout Canada, made possible by funds contributed by W.M.S. members, indicated the fellowship of Presbyterians, who thus showed not a provincial but a national spirit.

In a statement of the needs of the missionary field, Mrs. Strachan stated that the Presbyterian Church had been saved three years ago, but saved surely for service, and she appealed to Presbyterian women to accept their Church's challenge for world missions.

Mrs. I. C. Sharp remarked that the high reputation of the Homes, the Academy and the Church at Huntingdon had determined the location of the School Home there. Addresses were given by E. C. McCoy, chairman of the board of the Huntingdon Academy, Dr. R. N. Walsh, a member of the board and C. L. Hall, vice-principal. After the ceremony, the beautiful Home, which faces the winding river, was inspected and many comments were heard on its attractiveness and suitability, also expressions of appreciation of the hospitality of the ladies of the Huntingdon Presbyterian Church who had entertained nearly two hundred guests to lunch and tea.

Thus another School Home was added to the list of those which so splendidly testify to the interest of the W.M.S. in the young people of Canada.

The building is frame, very substantial and is set on a brick foundation. It has three stories and a full basement, which, in addition to furnace and coal room, has store rooms, laundry and a shower for boys.

On the next floor there is a ten-foot hall. On the right hand are double parlors. The front room is a sitting-room for the pupils and the back room is for study. Back of that is the dining-room. On the left of the hall is the Superintendent's private sitting-room. There is also a nice bright kitchen with cupboards and pantries.

A wide stairway with landings and windows leads to the second storey where there is a nice wide hall, dormitories for girls and the Superintendent's bedroom.

The third storey is fine and airy and the four dormitories provide accommodation for twelve boys.

The Home is well-heated and well-lighted and is set in a nice piece of ground. A carriage house at the back will make a good store place or a gymnasium in the future.

Twelve pupils are already in residence and the outlook for our School Home in the Province of Quebec is bright with promise.

The Chinese Daily Vacation Bible School

MISS AGNES I. DICKSON

THE last day of school! Two whole months of freedom! Who does not remember the joyous anticipation of holidays? How much they mean to those who can go off to summer haunts, for happy days in the open! But what about those who cannot? What about the children who must spend the long summer days in the city?

Teachers and Pupils of the Chinese Daily Vacation Bible School, Y.M.C.I., Toronto

Many years ago, there came to a Christian worker the vision of opening a church school to give a happy profitable holiday to just such children. Out of this vision has come into existence the Daily Vacation Bible School, where work and play are so blended as to make the long hot mornings a delight to the little ones.

In Toronto, during the month of June, Saturday training classes for leaders were held in Park Road Baptist Church, and, on July 3rd, thirty schools were opened with a total enrollment of about six thousand chil-

dren. Among them was a unique one, the Chinese Daily Vacation Bible School, held in the Chinese Christian Institute, 124 University Avenue.

It was with some trepidation that the workers entered upon this new venture, but the attendance and interest amply justified the attempt. There were thirty-six children in regular attendance, and from the march in at 9.30 a.m. to the march out at noon, the hours were filled with a happy variety of work and play. There were three departments in the school—kindergarten, primary and junior, and the morning was divided into regular periods, including worship training, stories, handwork and play. New songs and hymns were learned and scripture memorized. Biblical and secular stories were also told by the leaders, followed by conversation periods to impress the lesson taught. In the junior department the thought running through all the stories was "choosing the hard right, instead of the easy wrong." In the primary department it was "what it means to be a true friend," following the ideal set by our best friend, Jesus.

The handwork period was a delight to all the children. The interest never flagged, from the picture pasting, kite making, etc., of the little ones to the basket making, flowers and modelling of the juniors. Many of the latter repeatedly asked to be allowed to forego the play period to finish some piece of work.

Parents and friends were invited to the closing exercises on July 31st. The programme provided by the children illustrated the training given in the various classes. The exhibit of handwork and dainty refreshments brought the afternoon to a close. The interest and appreciation shown by the parents was most gratifying.

The staff of the school consisted of Miss Dickson, Miss Temperton and Miss Lambert, assisted by Miss MacQuarrie, Miss Agnes Mark and Miss Lily Lok. Miss Mark and Miss Lok are two young Chinese high school girls, who gladly gave part of their holidays to helping in this work for their little compatriots. Mention must also be made of Miss Price, the school nurse, who visited the school regularly and gave very helpful talks to the primary and junior classes.

A picnic, attended by all the schools of the district, was held in Reservoir Park. Each school shared in the sports programme, singing, etc. The refreshments were provided through the kindness of the Daily Vacation Bible School Committee, which also aided several of the needier schools with money grants for handwork supplies.

The staff would like to express their gratitude to this committee, especially to the Secretary, Miss Mary Eadie, for the counsel, help, and ready sympathy which were ever at their disposal, and which helped to make the work such a success.

Be Yourself

THERE is slang and slang. Some is cheap and meaningless. Some is so expressive that it is indispensable. Some has whole sermons, whole philosophies, packed into one short phrase. An example of the last kind is the expression that we hear so often, "Be yourself!"

"Be yourself!" Excellent advice! All really great souls are wise enough never to try to be anything but themselves. It is only the little "two-by-fours" who attempt to be something that they are not. Young people, particularly, are at their best when they are just themselves. Youth is never so attractive as when it is natural—bursting with enthusiasm, radiant with life. When it affects sophistication and a bored, blasé attitude, it loses much of its charm. "Be yourself!"

But even better than to be yourself is to be your *best* self. A professor of Romance languages once said, "The greatest verb in any language is the verb 'to be'." God has given us as a trust, a stewardship, the development of personality and character. He has put within us wonderful potentialities. It is for us, as faithful stewards, to bring them out. God wants each of us to work at being. He wants us to weigh our motives. He wants us to choose carefully our thoughts, our reading, our friendships. If we let fine potential qualities remain undeveloped, if we fail to build and to discipline, we are unfaithful stewards. Every day that passes should find us working at the art of being, trying to bring out all that God has put into us.

When General Booth was asked the secret of his success, he replied, "God has had all there was of me. There have been men with greater opportunities for an education than I had, men with greater brains, but from the day I got the poor of London on my mind, and a vision of what Jesus Christ could do with the poor of London, I made up my mind that God should have all of William Booth there was."

Closely related to the verb "to be" is the verb "to do." *Being* must find expansion in *doing*. Lofty ideals are of little value if not put into action. William James says, "When you have been stirred by oratory, or by music, or pictures, or example, act upon it, or you are worse off than if you had never been stirred. Do something, if it is only to give a drink to a child, or a chair to your old grandmother!"

What are some expressional activities through which Christian young people can translate their *being* into *doing*? *Worship* is one. When your heart is full of love for God and gratitude for what He has done and is doing for you, express that love and gratitude in prayer. We know that our Heavenly Father must be made glad, as an earthly parent is, by the expression of love.

Service is another means of expression. If you will look around you, you surely will find an aged person, or an invalid, whom you could make happy by a call, a flower, or a box of candy. You will see opportunities for service in the church, the church school, the young people's organization. You will find a score of activities through which you can express your Christian life. These opportunities are not burdensome duties if you look at them in the right way. Rather, they are means of expression for your personality, ways of using your strength, time and talents for God.

Another expressional activity is *giving*. Giving to God is really a way of worshipping. We put ourselves into the earning of money—we spend our energy in making it. So, when we bring our money to God, we are bringing ourselves in another form, God needs our money to carry on His work in the world, in the churches and on the mission fields. He offers us a share in a great world programme of health, education, and evangelism. Every young Christian should "get in on it." At least a tenth of our money belongs to His work. The Jews, under the law, gave one-tenth to God. We ought not to fall below their standard. They gave tithes and offerings—one-tenth regularly, and little over and above offerings to express their love and gratitude. I know a young girl of to-day who does much the same thing. She regularly sets apart one-tenth of every dollar for God and, in addition, she makes Him little love offerings. Whenever she buys for herself any small luxury—a movie ticket, a sundae, a box of candy—she sets apart an equal sum for the programme of Christ in the world. It is the tremendous privilege of all of us to have a part in His programme. Have you a share?

Then, to, there is *witnessing*. "Ye are my witnesses," Jesus said. We can witness for Him with Christ-like lives. We can witness by telling those who have not accepted the Saviour of His love and salvation. We can witness in both of these ways, day by day, as we have opportunity. He wants witnesses in Africa, China, India, and Japan. What finer expression of a Christian life than to place it as His witness in one of those lands which so need Him?

A really Christian life always finds expression in Christian *attitudes*. Our lives are full of opportunities to be truly Christian in our relations in home, school, and church life.

The home is a good place in which to practice being one's best self. Why is it that there we are often not at our best? Why do we often show to those whom we love most our very worst selves, and reserve for those for whom we care little, for mere acquaintances, our very best behavior?

In school young people have the chance to express their best selves. For instance, they may be honest. Christian young people who cheat in class-room preparation, or in examinations, are failing to express their

best selves, and are bringing dishonour upon the name "Christian."

Then, again, school often brings American young people into contact with young people from Europe and the Orient. These contacts are opportunities to express really Christian attitudes. How would Jesus treat these young people from other lands, perhaps of other races. We must try to reproduce Him. Dr. Robert E. Speer gives us some illustrations of how "foreigners" have been treated in this country. "A young Filipino university student turned away from a barber shop which had 'no scissors with which to cut an Oriental's hair'; a cultured Chinese engineer and his wife, both ill with pneumonia and no American nurse willing to serve in a Chinese home; a vice-consul from Italy searching vainly for a house to live in, because 'no one wants to live near a foreigner,' driven to one of the worst sections of the city to live; colored delegates to a conference forced to use freight elevators at the rear of the building."

Young people can help to create Christian relations of friendliness and understanding between America and Europe, America and Asia. Attitudes to-day in the class-room will emerge as international hatred or friendship tomorrow. The church offers still another field for expression. The danger, however, is that, when conditions are not pleasing to them, young people will withdraw from the church. In an address given at the young women's conference at Northfield in 1926, Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker said, "The church needs you to come into it and vitalize it and lift the level of it by the only thing that has ever lifted the level of it, that is, the changed life of individuals within it. I never could see any real point in running away, like rats off a burning ship, just because the church is not all it should be."

Young people should make themselves felt in the Church. The older folk, with their devotion to the traditional, need to be challenged by youth's insistent demand for progress and reality. Young people, on the other hand, need the balance, the experience, of older men and women. Each modifies the other.

Young people, do not desert the church! Stay inside and make your kind of Christianity felt. As a part of the church you have every right to self-expression. You can better change conditions from within than from without. Stay and build the Church of To-morrow a better church than the Church of To-day—a more Christ-like church. Stay where you are and "Be Yourself!"—*Helen K. Wallace, Selected.*

"Go forward, forward, the crown to win;
Forward to conquer sin; self to subdue;
Forward to do God's will through good report and ill;
Steadfast and true."

Boys Provide Reading Room for McMurray

MISS OLIVE ROSS

WHEN you sent me that lovely donation of twenty-five dollars from the Boys' Own Mission Band of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Ingersoll, Ontario, last January, you thrust a great responsibility on me, having regard to the fact that I have tried to carry out your wishes explicitly, *viz.*, "for some boy or boys in the hospital in some special way." I racked my brain thinking of the best method to pursue, and after consultation with some of the ladies in Toronto they agreed with my suggestion of procuring a tent. My plan was to have the boys come and have a day or two holiday, as it were, for there are many of the boys here who do not know what it is enjoy that kind of a change, but the weather grew colder before we had planned for that change, and I thought of another scheme, to use the tent as a *reading room,* and last night we opened it formally for that purpose. I invited the boys over and they made a big bonfire in the garden and I served refreshments, and invited them to come every Saturday and enjoy themselves, for they will take great pride in having some such place of quiet and privacy, and thoughts will be instilled in their minds, which will serve them in years to come as happy memories of their childhood.

I trust these plans will meet with the boys' approval. I only wish some of them could drop in and see the happy countenances of the little boys, who are to enjoy their beautiful gift.

In the Realm of Religious Education

EDITH A. SINCLAIR

ALTHOUGH the International Missionary Council with two hundred and forty world leaders met in Jerusalem March 24th to April 8th, and the World's Sunday School Convention brought thousands together in June at Los Angeles, to discuss, pray and think together about the child and its religious development, we still hear parents expressing surprise when they find that their children have been thinking about religious things. In the face of this fact we are compelled to ask, what forces outside the home are developing and fostering the religious life of our children?

In the realm of religious education the Sabbath School ever stands in the forefront, and to the teachers is entrusted the most precious work in the world. In order to do this work efficiently, they need special

training. This year Presbyterian summer schools for this purpose were held in Knox College, Toronto, Huntingdon, Que., Lefroy, Couchiching, Charlottetown and other points. Hundreds of young people gave up a vacation of fun to study and prepare themselves for better service in their churches. They have gone back with new inspiration, new methods, enthusiasm and determination, and a renewed interest in the things of the kingdom. One young teacher wrote back, "I had to report on girls' work, and the missionary addresses at our Church. . . .I am so glad that I met Mrs. McDonald. I am going to write to her as soon as she gets to India. . . .Next fall I hope to come to the Deaconess Training School."

But not only during the summer is training possible. The Religious Educational Council in each province arranges leadership training classes in the various cities and throughout the country. Many ministers carry on training classes in their own local churches, and have a trained group always ready to carry on the work of teaching the young.

To the uninitiated, it is impossible to realize that the summer camps, organized by the Girls' and Boys' Work Boards for teen-age girls and boys, are tremendous religious awakeners. To see girls eagerly going off for ten minutes "morning watch" before breakfast, to look into their faces during "morning worship," to have groups beg for one hour Bible study instead of half or three-quarters makes one wonder if our girls are starved for such food. Their favorite song constantly on their lips makes one also believe that they mean to carry on after camp.

"Who would true valor see
Let him come hither,
One here will constant be
Come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
Will make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim."

—John Bunyan (Boys' Song Book)

The secret of the success of these bigger organizations is found in an earlier picture that comes to us. It is of a home at eventide, where a sweet-faced mother sits with her little children round her, poring over a large Bible picture story book, or at a later date studying quietly with them the catechism or memory Scripture course.

These scenes enacted in every home in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, plus teachers trained to carry on mother's task, alone can bring in the kingdom of God in our children's hearts, in our world.

Annual Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society

(Eastern Division)

Mrs. William Macnab

THE fifty-second annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (E.D.) convened in Zion Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I., on Wednesday morning, October 3rd and continued for two days, holding four sessions in all.

The Maritime Synod met at the same time in St. James' Church. Both Synod and W.M.S. were well attended, the representation of each being larger than that of the last two years, showing that our Church is regaining her former state.

On Wednesday evening a joint meeting of the W.M.S. and Synod was held in Zion Church, the Rev. Bruce Muir, Moderator, presiding. Addresses were given by Mrs. Strachan, President of the W.M.S. (West), Mrs. Moore, President of W.M.S. (East), the Rev. Dr. Scott MacKenzie, of Montreal College, and the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. John Buchanan, M.D., D.D. Mrs. Strachan told of things she had heard and seen while visiting our Church's missions overseas, and Mrs. Moore spoke on our Women's Missionary Society and the Church, and both stressed the great need of more workers, especially for ordained men to fill Dr. Wilkie's place, relieve Dr. Goforth and open up and strengthen the work in every mission. Dr. Buchanan told of his work in India and of the great need for more workers.

Rev. Dr. Scott MacKenzie addressed the meeting in the interests of the College, asking that parents and Sunday School teachers would endeavor to turn the attention of the young to the work of the Church, and the thought of the boys to the ministry.

Mrs. Strachan was warmly welcomed on Wednesday morning and called to the platform. On Wednesday afternoon she gave a very fine and impressive talk on our missions, dwelling especially on the work among Koreans in Japan, which our W.M.S. is at present financing. This was especially interesting as it was along the lines of the new study book, "The Royal Road," part of which deals with this mission.

Mrs. Strachan is no stranger to us and made a greater impression and won a warmer place in our hearts than even on her last visit. She is so on fire with enthusiasm and ardent love for the mission work, that she fills her hearers with the same.

The reports were all encouraging. We were so badly shattered and leaders and ministers are so sorely needed in many places and so hard

to get, that progress is slow. However, many places are back to their former strength and the future looks bright. We reached our budget, and have increased our objective for next year. Our figures seem small compared to the great Society of the West, but the proportion in giving, according to members, is about the same. Along all lines we are making progress and are full of hope and faith. Our Society does not appoint any women missionaries. We aid in securing them, training them, and pay their salaries. Also, in order to aid the Church, our W.M.S. has taken over the support of Rev. L. L. Young, the Church's missionary to the Koreans in Japan, and we hope soon to have other missionaries for the same mission. We support two young lady missionaries in British Guiana and hope to send more. A Training Home for girls, and bungalows will soon be built in British Guiana by our W.M.S. as a memorial to our first President, Mrs. R. F. Burns.

In our home mission work we assist with the New Carlisle Home, Quebec, and Chalmers Jack Mission, Cape Breton, and with bursaries for deaconesses and students. Our four deaconesses in training at the Home in Toronto did splendid work for us this summer in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The meetings were well attended, the reports encouraging, the discussions interesting and the speeches particularly fine.

Points Visited by the Ontario Members of the Council

"Just had the one meeting, at Chilliwack, the Sunday after the Council. Had such a good congregation and was received kindly."

"Spoke at St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, Sunday a.m. and, since my return, have spoken twice on the Council meeting in my own Presbyterial.

"Spoke to the Sunday School in the afternoon and in the evening in a Presbyterian Church in Victoria; to an afternoon meeting in Vancouver in the drawing room of my hostess for the day; spoke in Grace Church, Calgary, and at an evening service on the Wednesday. Spoke at a W.M.S. meeting in Edmonton and to the Sunday School the following Sabbath; also addressed a social gathering in a friend's home in Edmonton; also addressed a large gathering of young farm boys and girls who were taking an intensive course at the University of Alberta. Spent a couple of weeks at home, then went north to Englehart and addressed the Presbyterial which I had hoped to do on my return journey, also spoke at the morning service in the Presbyterian Church

in New Liskeard, July 1st. Between the Council meeting and Englehart I addressed the sectional meeting at McDonald's Corners and spoke at Miss McLean's designation at Almonte. These are all.''

''Addressed the young men in New Westminster Church, South Vancouver, forty-three were present. I enjoyed it very much, they were very attentive and requested me to speak to them the following Sunday, but could not do so as I have a young men's class here each Sunday, with a membership of forty-five, age from 18 to 35, and I really enjoy it more each time I address them. They are hungry for the story of each lesson.''

''Was in Slocan City on Sunday, May 27th and spoke at the morning service, in the afternoon to the Sabbath School children, and again at the evening service. At the close of the evening service the President of the Associate Society called a few of the women present together to talk over what more they might do to help the cause of the W.M.S. They are a small group, have just built a new church and are paying for it by degrees. They decided to organize a Mission Band at once and a number of young women thought they might form a Young Women's Society. It was a unique experience for me, but I feel if those lovely girls whom I met down there are banded together and the Mission Band organized it will be a good thing.''

''Spoke twice, once to the congregation and on Monday to the women. I feel I had results as several of the men spoke to me after the morning service and said they had a much better understanding of the W.M.S. work and what it meant than before. After discussion with the women on Monday I did not feel justified in urging them to organize an Auxiliary. They are so few in number and they meet once a week in 'Aid' doing everything possible to assist financially. As a congregation they had nothing to start with and met in a hall, but they promised to take one hour once a month for a W.M.S. programme and will also make a cash donation to the work each year until the time when they see their way clear to organize. I think when we interest the men, it is an advance.''

''Spoke only once, in St. Andrew's, New Westminster, on June 3rd.''

''Spoke at Knox Church, Victoria.''

''Spoke four times while in the west, morning and evening at Nelson, May 27th, at Sapperton, June 3rd, and at Armstrong, June 10th. On my way home I spoke at North Bay Presbyterial.''

''Spoke to the young women of Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, on Sunday, May 27th, and to the congregation at Nanaimo, B.C., on Sunday, June 3rd. I was sorry I could not do more, as I feel that I

derived great benefit from my contact with these small groups.'' ''I am to address four Auxiliaries next week.''

''May 27th—Kamloops, spoke at morning service, Sunday School and evening service. June 3rd—St. Andrew's, North Vancouver, morning service. June 10th—Sooke (24 miles from Victoria), Sunday School, morning service and evening service. June 17th—Banff, evening service. June 19th—Macleod, evening meeting in the Church. June 20th—Lethbridge, evening meeting. June 21st—Medicine Hat, afternoon meeting. It was a strenuous week, as I had four nights on the train, leaving one place at 2 a.m., arriving at another at 4 a.m., but they had good meetings and I felt it was worth while.''

Field Work in the East

MISS P. B. LAMONT

APRIL and most of May was spent in ''flitting hither and yon'' from Gananoque to Sarnia, addressing Easter Thank-offering meetings, Presbyterials, individual church meetings, and the Synod of Hamilton and London, held at Woodstock.

Addressed Easter Thank-offering meetings at McNab and St. John's Churches, Hamilton, Dundas, St. Catharines, and Y. W. Auxiliaries of Port Credit and Paris. The interest of these young women, especially at Port Credit, brings joy to the heart, and a feeling of assurance of future leadership.

Presbyterial meetings were at Strathroy, in Sarnia Presbyterial, Gananoque, in Kingston Presbyterial, Tavistock, in Stratford Presbyterial, and a sectional meeting at Norval, in Toronto Presbyterial. Here reports showed much fine work done, but patient, painstaking training of officers, as to privileges, duties and responsibilities of office, is needed before efficiency is reached.

An Auxiliary meeting at Erin gave evidence of splendid preparation: in the arrangement of the room, in the programme and social hour at the close. Two special Sunday evening services were addressed at Claude, in the Orangeville Presbytery, and Union, in Toronto Presbytery. At the latter place the pastor sat in the pew while the W.M.S. President had charge of the service. They do not usually have an evening service, but on this occasion the congregation was out in full force.

One of the most interesting meetings was an Easter morning service held by the C.G.I.T. groups of Victoria Church, Toronto, before the regular church service. A splendid worshipful atmosphere was created by the preliminary order of service, and nowhere have I experienced the consciousness of such intense attention to a message, which was on the meaning of Easter.

I spent the week-end of May 18th in Maitland Presbyterial, addressing Sunday services at Gorrie and Molesworth, and Auxiliary meetings at Cranbrook and Brussels. Gorrie, as yet, has no organization. It is made up of minority groups from 3 rural churches, consequently the people are scattered. However, a plan of meeting was discussed, which we hope will be worked out.

On May 26th I began a tour of Algoma Presbyterial, which stretches in a straight line from Sault Ste. Marie to Sudbury, a distance of about 200 miles. Not including the two cities, there are only 3 charges, with 7 regular preaching stations, with students in charge. Arrived at the Soo in time to attend morning service at Westminster and the evening one at St. Paul's, meeting a number of the women at each place. In the afternoon, drove to Korah, 7 miles out, and gave a brief message after the sermon. The following afternoon met with the W.M.S. As a Women's Institute meeting had also been planned for the same afternoon, with a special speaker from Toronto, there was a record attendance. The W.M.S. had the first hour, and the Women's Institute the second. We lost our discussion period, but benefited by having an audience twice as large as we otherwise would. Both Churches in the Soo are well organized. I met with the two Auxiliaries, and had a meeting of the young women, in which the Y. W. Bible Class of St. Paul's met with the Y.W.A. of Westminster. After four days in the Soo, I went on to Bar River. Here they have an Associate Society. They take their W.M.S. programme first, and the Ladies' Aid work afterwards. Mrs. Curry, who is a member here, is Presbyterial Home Helpers' Secretary, and travelled almost 900 miles visiting in the Presbyterial. Thessalon came next. They are a very small minority group, struggling bravely. They are using the Baptist Church. On Saturday I met with the W.M.S. There were 5 women present. One of them semed to know every published item of information on our Church or its missions. On Sunday I spoke at the morning service. We went to Sowerby for Sunday afternoon service. We have no W.M.S. branch there.

Massey, Webbwood and Espanola are three towns forming an interesting group and stretching 16 miles along the railroad. The only W.M.S. branch organized was a Mission Band at Webbwood. I met with the women at Massey and Espanola, and, in company with the student in charge, did house to house visitation at Webbwood, with the result that we now have an Associate Society, and a Mission Band at each place. These are all small groups, with many things to discourage, but they are valiantly striving to "carry on."

Sudbury, 25 miles further along the line, has a fine new church, well equipped, and well organized. I addressed largely attended meetings of the W.M.S. and Mission Band.

Returned to Toronto on June 9th and on the 13th went to London Presbyterial for a series of 7 sectional meetings. The value of sectional meetings is inestimable, as here each local problem can be dealt with. These meetings were well attended and gave evidence of much earnest effort on the part of our women. I also addressed the Auxiliary of St. George's, London, and the closing meeting of their Mission Band. A splendid programme had been prepared by the children, and they had on exhibit the work done during the year. Many of the mothers and friends of the children were present. I also addressed Sunday services at Dorchester, Petrolia and Wyoming.

I attended two meetings of the Council Executive, two of the Provincial Executive, a meeting of the Provincial Girls' Work Board, and sessions of the Ontario Provincial. In all, I addressed 51 meetings.

This brings to a close a year's work in Ontario, and a few general impressions might be stated:—

1. The need of stimulating the spiritual life, that the "fighting spirit" which is still much in evidence, but now, within the church, may be counteracted, that our women may "with one mind and one spirit" strive together and not against one another.

2. The need of education along the lines of the duties and the responsibilities of office, and the need to regard the rights of the office of others.

3. Impress the fact that programme and prayer are more important than supply work, and that usually a successful society depends upon interesting meetings, to which those who come once will wish to come again. This means much planning and preparation.

4. If our young people are to be interested in our missionary meetings, it will be necessary to get out of some of the old ruts.

5. The importance of using every opportunity to give missionary information; knowledge arouses interest.

The Glad Tidings and *The Royal Road* are very much appreciated. The secretary of one Y.W.A. reported that they enjoyed the study of *The Royal Road,* especially the chapter on Church Government.

Field Work in the West

MISS LAURA K. PELTON

SINCE sending my last report I have visited Prince Rupert. I also spent a week itinerating through a part of Westminster Presbyterial, and a week through Victoria. In Prince Rupert an Auxiliary and a Mission Band were organized and a C.G.I.T. Group affiliated. I was exceedingly glad to get these as it is a number of years since this

congregation has had any link with our W.M.S. I also spoke at the Sunday evening service and had two other meetings. In Victoria, I addressed four meetings, and visited the Chinese Mission. In Westminster, in addition to Prince Rupert, addressed eight meetings, four of which were Sunday services, attended the British Columbia Provincial and gave an address at the afternoon session.

Of the three sectional meetings which were planned for the Prince Albert-Saskatoon Presbyterial, only two were held—Melfort and North Battleford. These were postponed until the last week of June and the first week of July, the roads being impassable on account of heavy rains. We hope to hold the Rosetown meeting later. The two meetings which we did have were successful, and the women were delighted. Some said they had enjoyed them more than any they had attended for some time. Many said they had obtained a clearer idea of our Society, and the duties of the respective Secretaries than they had ever had.

One gratifying feature was the frank discussion during the conference. We gave ample time to this and encouraged everyone to tell of their difficulties, and discouragements if any. Among their difficulties was the same old trouble of getting the women to take part in the Auxiliary meetings. To overcome this some of the women offered the following suggestions: Never ask a woman to do anything at a meeting without previous notice, and do not press any one too much at first to take part; always try and have two or more take part for the first time together, so that no one will feel she is making the break alone; if the President finds difficulty in getting any one to assist her let her conduct the meeting herself rather than have it a failure with some one hopelessly struggling through something she could not do; do not insist on women leading in prayer who have never done so, begin with sentence prayers. The difficulty of interesting more women in our Society was brought up. One suggestion was to canvass the women of the congregation in the interest of the Auxiliary and try to secure them as members. Any canvassing among the general membership for money was strongly discouraged.

At Melfort four congregations were represented, Tisdale, Melfort, Kinistino, and Prince Albert. Tisdale had been an Associate Society but is organizing immediately as an Auxiliary. Kinistino has nothing yet, but four of the women were at this meeting. Melfort are really alive, and they have some splendid women.

At North Battleford, Wilkie, Paynton and McMillan were represented. Wilkie asked me to go there in the fall and organize. It is a new congregation so I am going to make an effort to go. Paynton is a little appointment out from Battleford, and I am hoping that we may

get an Auxiliary there, or an Associate Society. From Battleford I went to Assiniboia. Spoke there on Sunday morning and went to Rockglen for their evening service. Three cars came out from Assiniboia with me so I felt royally supported. I was glad I had gone because when there before we had a very poor meeting, while this time we had a good service and I had an opportunity to meet the women. This concluded my work up to date.

Ready to go and Hunt for Our Sheep

MISS KOK

Equipped with a roll of pictures, basket of tracts, hymns, Bibles and best of all, the promise of Him being with us, off we start almost every morning; dividing into two parties. The fine weather offers splendid opportunities as it entices the women to the doorsteps. In winter one needs a more courageous spirit and more persistance as all hide in their tiny rooms. But even then the Lord opens doors.

From left to right: Miss Mu, graduate of Tenghsien Bible School; Miss Kok; Mrs. Wang, who spent two years in the same School; Miss Pai, who has only been with us for four months, but who is doing splendidly. She longs to go to some school for further training but I would like to give her a year, at least, of practical work. Please do pray for us.

Urgent Calls for Overseas Service

Japan:	1. A kindergarten teacher.
	2. A nurse, preferably one who has had public health training.
Manchuria:	1. A nurse evangelist.
Formosa:	1. A university graduate with normal training.
	2. A fully qualified music teacher.
	3. A nurse.
	4. A medical woman.
	5. Evangelists are also needed.
Bhil Field:	1. A teacher to assist Miss Robson.
	2. Possibly a woman doctor.
Gwalior:	1. A teacher to assist Miss Stringer.
	2. An evangelist to assist Miss Whatling.

OUR LETTER BOX

Interesting Happenings in Formosa

Taihoku, Formosa.

"I wish it were possible for you to have a few weeks with us on the top of the world. Miss Burdick, our two language teachers and myself are sitting on a stone monument, at the top of Tai tun Soa, the mountain on which the summer cottages are built. We came up here on July 4th and all love it. It is so cool and bracing and the scenery is beautiful. The sunsets are wonderful, as we overlook Tamsui and the Pacific Ocean. I can study much better up here as, at times, the heat was rather dreadful in the city. Our cottage is very nice. Miss Burdick, Miss Adams and I each have a room and our teachers share one. The kitchen and cook's room are separate and there are two bathrooms. The water supply is very good as we get it through bamboo pipes from a spring up in the mountains.

It was really great fun getting ready to come up here. We had to pack all our belongings in tin-lined trunks. Our bedding, personal belongings, kitchen utensils and books, we had to make up in small bundles not exceeding fifty pounds. These, with "Chum," our dog, and the cook, went by motor truck to Hokuto, the village at the foot of the

mountains, where Miss Adams and I met them, we having come by train from Soren. We then met the mountain men, who kindly carried us and our bundles up to the cottage. The bundles were attached by ropes to bamboo poles placed across their shoulders, each man carrying about one hundred pounds. Miss Adams and I had the mountain chairs, which were suspended between bamboo poles across the shoulders of two men. We had to get out and walk up the very steep parts.

There are just a few Chinese cottages on the way up to our cottages, of which there are eight. Mr. and Mrs. MacMillan, Dr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Flemming, Mr. and Mrs. Mackay and ourselves, and a few members of the Southern Mission are going to spend the summer months here.

The Chinese have just finished their first harvest of rice and are busy planting the second crop. The young rice plants are beautiful and the plain looks like a lovely green carpet.

A very large religious festival was recently celebrated on the Island. It is held annually to thank the gods and idols for their care and guardianship against evil spirits, especially those that cause illness, etc. All those who have recovered from illness during the year, and their relatives, take part in the parade. Their idols and floats are all gaily decorated. Large numbers of men walk under their big traditional dragon which is made of cotton and is very grandly decorated. The men and women who take part in the parade wear masks, which represent the head of some animal, whose evil spirit is supposed to cause the devil to enter into them, and they make a great noise to frighten those evil spirits.

Miss Burdick and I were visiting an ex-patient of the hospital, and from her window we had a splendid view of the parade, but it rained very heavily all the afternoon. The priests were carried along in sedan chairs and all the gods were paraded in chairs.

I only wish I had the language so that I would be able to do a little to help the poor people, but I must have patience and remember them in prayer.''

—*Miss Jean Cummings.*

School Work Expanding

Gwalior, India.

''Our attendance is gradually increasing. We now have forty on the roll, counting both boarders and day pupils. We have eight orphans in Gracebai's charge and twenty-one children in the big school. At the rate the school is growing I feel sure we will have fifty or more before the Christmas holidays.

We have one orphan girl, Tina, who aims to make something of

herself. She will begin training for a nurse in October. She is not exactly qualified, not having passed the sixth grade examination, but the missionary in charge of the Women's Hospital has kindly offered to give her a trial. She knows the child is very anxious, and we feel sure she will make good. Her ambition is to train and then come back and work here as she feels she must do something to pay for all the Mission has done for her. She is the first one of my girlies who has of her own free will asked for higher training in any one branch, so I feel especially proud of her.

Munkibai is doing splendid work as matron. The girls are all very fond of her and she has such a winning way with them. She is firm yet kind and certainly keeps splendid order. Her two years training as a nurse is such a help, she is also fully qualified to take charge of their evening devotional period. She takes charge of that period in a much better way than I could. The morning devotions are conducted by the teachers and myself, just before the school begins for the day.

Since our return from the hills we have organized a Sunday School for all the Christians. We use the class rooms of the Girls' School and conduct it just as a Sunday School at home. Mr. Spencer is Superintendent. He is doing splendid work. Practically the whole thing is conducted by our Christians themselves and they are so anxious to make it a success. Since the second Sunday in July they have given over ten rupees in collections. This is to be used in buying papers and quarterlies. This will not buy all, of course, but by the time new ones are needed, in December, they will have quite an amount to pay for them. Later on we hope to get meetings started among the women, something on the line of a Women's Auxiliary, and have them pay fees, which will go towards the support of a Bible woman."

—*Miss Irene Stringer.*

A Summer School in India

Amkhut, Central India.

"Thank you so much for the $50 for a scholarship from the 'Alexandra' Bible Class of Victoria Presbyterian Church, West Toronto. The money arrived at a most opportune moment. Next month three girls go up for their final examinations. I cannot say which will get the scholarship. We shall probably send whichever is successful to the Rajputana Presbyterian Mission at Nasirabad where two of our girls have been this year. The $50 should meet her year's expenses quite nicely.

"We are having a wonderful time up here at our summer school in Toran Mall this year. It is the largest it has been. There are 50 in the regular school classes, 20 in the teacher training classes which I

have been able to get started for the first time, and 20 in the theological and Bible classes. We hope to be here for two full months. In that way we can carry on our work through most of the hot season in comparative comfort. It is a lovely spot with such a nice little lake on top of the hill. The children just love it. They soon learn to swim like fish and there is no end of fun they can have in the jungle too. They never think of complaining about the kind of house they have to live in nor the hardships of the journey up. The girls have quite a nice roomy grass house this year and the boys have three small ones that they have made themselves after getting up here. Indeed it is no hardship to live in a grass house so long as it doesn't rain. I am living in Dr. Buchanan's little stone and mud bungalow and so am very comfortable. It has three rooms and a nice verandah. I use one room and the verandah for classes, and my two 'children', Patsey and Ruth, and I fill up the rest. I am hoping that next year we may get a bungalow of our own started. Please thank your class for their interest and gift and the prayers that I know will follow it."

—Bertha W. Robson.

Wayside Ministries

Fort McMurray Hospital.

"Even on my way home after my vacation I was busy. A woman from these parts was obliged to go to Edmonton for an operation, and rather than remain in hospital for another week, she wanted to get home, so I was able to look after her on the train, and she seemed so happy when she found I was coming. Along the road, too, about seven a.m., a man rushed in at one of the stations (and as I have mentioned before I have never been sorry for rising early in the morning, and that particular morning I arose at six) and inquired for the doctor, so I asked him if I could help him. The patient whom I went to see had met with a mishap while out horseback riding, and I advised her as to treatment, nothing serious fortunately. Then further along a poor old Indian boarded the train going to Fort McMurray to see the doctor. He looked very ill, and like so many of his kind, was afflicted with that dread disease, tuberculosis. I had a chat with him and gave him some fruit which he seemed to relish. So you see, I was not long before I was 'on duty' and I have had two or three calls since."

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Report for June, July and August

"During the month of June I had one maternity case in a home, and besides that looked after other cases who had a slight attack of the flu, a mild epidemic of which was prevalent throughout the north, more particularly in points much further on and where they had no medical assist-

ance whatever, the deaths resulting therefrom being well over the two hundred mark.

In August, I was called out at four o'clock one morning to attend a man who had severed an artery in his foot with an adze. The accident had happened almost a week previously, but for some reason or other the bleeding had not subsided, and that was the first intimation I had had of the matter. I often think of that beautiful hymn "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," and that very morning one of our best surgeons in Western Canada, who had been on a trip to the Article Circle returned, and aided the other doctor, who had previously dressed the wound, in finally adjusting the matter, so that the patient is well on the way to recovery.

In the month of June, I had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Dougherty and Miss Cameron on their way from the Council in Vancouver. I cannot express in words what this visit meant to me, and to all who came in contact with them, for they left many lovely memories. They were indeed a great help in solving a few little problems, which seemed to get larger and larger as one thought of them, not having any person at hand to confer with, so they seemed to lift a big load off my shoulders. Besides that pleasure, I had another wonderful privilege of meeting with the ladies of the Executive in Toronto, and many other interesting and sympathizing friends, and no words could ever express what that meant to me."

—*Miss Olive Ross.*

Jottings from Letters

Victoria, B.C.

"I expect that from twelve to fifteen children will begin public school next term, but we can keep in touch with them through the Sunday School.

Mrs. Louie, who has been teaching the afternoon Chinese class had her school closing take the form of a dinner for her pupils and friends as she was leaving in August for a visit to China. Mrs. Louie felt keenly the severing of the tie with her pupils. We hope she will not decide to remain in China. She is such an energetic worker and could always be relied upon to help with the various affairs in the Mission Band and excelled at the Christmas concerts and entertainments.

We were very pleased to have Dr. and Mrs. Rochester and Dr. Drummond visit the Sunday School and speak to the children."

—*Miss Gertrude Scott.*

Montreal, Que.

"The school is going on very nicely with sixteen children in daily attendance. Next week I hope to go to Ottawa, Brockville, Smith's Falls, etc., and expect Miss Mitchell to help Miss Jue during my absence."

—*Miss Ethel Reid.*

Extracts from Hospital Letters

Canora, Sask.

"August this year proved to be the busiest month since 1922. We had 26 patients in the Hospital on August 1st and admitted 89 patients during the month and had as many as 34 in at once."

"The Isolation Hospital has been repaired and repainted inside and out. The inside walls are painted a light green, as are the chairs, the beds we enamelled brown. Really the place is as pretty as can be. We bought all our own material so we know exactly what is being used and the quality."

"An elevator in town was torn down, and the manager sent word to me, that Joe (the gardener) might clean the pit. He got nine bags of wheat out of it."

"We are again in the midst of a rush. If September continues as it has been it will be busier even than last month was. Tuesday we had five operations, started operating at 7.30 a.m., and finished some time after 1 p.m."

"At our Hospital Aid meeting, the Society bought two more gartch frames for our beds. We certainly needed them."

—*Miss M. Cuddy.*

A SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS IN OUR SCHOOL HOMES

New Liskeard

"The School Home opened this year with an enrollment of ten, six girls and four boys, seven being new pupils. All last year's students made a splendid record in their year's work, our two charter members, Katherine McLean and Ellener Morrison, being the only two in their form who received all their subjects at the June examinations. They are now in their fourth year work, preparing for Normal and are greatly interested in their studies. Jean Semple returned for her third year work, her sister coming with her to attend high school. Two of the girls received diplomas for regular attendance at both Church and Sunday School and all were members of the Mission Band. We still hear good reports of our former pupils. Some are in business offices, one boy is in a bank and another on the staff of the *Montreal Witness* and he always comes to see us while on his holiday.

Katharine McLean and Ellenor Morrison

We were pleased to have four of the Montreal delegates to the Council stop over between trains to visit us on their way to the coast, also Mrs. Rochester on her way back. Although she missed seeing the boys and girls, she met some members of our W.M.S. and all enjoyed her splendid talk about our mission fields and meeting her personally. Several tourists and visitors called at the Home during the summer from the different Presbyterials, one a Mission Band member from the London Presbyterial, who was much interested.

Owing to the very wet season, our garden is not as productive as it might have been, but we will still be able to put away some things for winter use.'' —*Miss Janet Manson.*

Vegreville

''We have organized our Sunday School and Bible class. We had sixteen at the Bible class and we all enjoyed it. The boys take a real interest in it. We elected a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, I am organist, and Rev. Mr. Robertson is the teacher. The older girls and one boy teach in the Sunday School. Our Mission Band was reorganized last Sunday and new officers elected. Our W.M.S. should have met to-night but it is pouring rain and very cold and windy, so we postponed it until to-morrow night and hope for better weather. We are a mile out of town and it is hard walking in the mud in rainy weather. There is no pavement or even wooden sidewalks up this way. However, we consider it the most desirable situation in the town and the district is called Mount Pleasant.''

—*Miss Jean Johnston.*

Saskatoon

''There are twelve of the former and nineteen new girls, thirty-one altogether. The tennis court is proving a great help in the entertainment problem after school hours. We have such a nice group of girls in again this year. The majority are younger and going to high school.''

—*Miss Violet Scott.*

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Prayer

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we would come to Thee in the name of Jesus. Of ourselves we have no merit that would enable us to approach Thee, but we thank Thee that Thou hast made us Thy children by faith in Christ Jesus, and we would draw near to Thee in the tender relationship of children to a father. Forbid, O Lord, that we should come to Thee with any form of words upon our lips. May we come into Thy presence and be conscious that our prayer is unto Thee. We would touch Thee now, O Lord, not as one of the throng that press Thee, but with the touch of faith that once again Thy mighty power may save and heal us. As a body of missionary women we seek Thy blessing, and ask that we may be more in earnest about Thy work. May the heart of every member of our Society have the burning desire to see Thy kingdom come and Thy will done on earth. We know that only as Thy kingdom has come into our own lives, and Thy will is being done by us, are we able to give the message of salvation to those who have never heard. Make us to realize, O Lord, that we have no other gospel to send but the gospel as we live it. May this thought so search our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that there may be created within us a deeper longing, a hungering and thirsting for righteousness, that we may know the power of Thy gospel in our own lives, and be filled with all joy and peace in believing. Make us, O God, powerful witnesses for Thee as the apostles were in the early Church, may the power of the resurrection be seen in our lives daily, and may we, too, be able to say "to me to live is Christ." Grant that the word of Christ may dwell in us richly, and that all we do may be done in the name of the Lord Jesus and for His sake. Let Thy peace rule in our hearts, and strengthen us with all might according to Thy glorious power. Teach us anew to abide in Christ that we may bring forth fruit, for this purpose Thou hast ordained us. Hear us, O God, in these our petitions, cleanse us from all sin and all we ask is in the name and for the sake of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for November

"THE ROYAL ROAD"

Psalm—"Thou Shalt Arise and Mercy Yet." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings*, p. 389). *Scripture Reading*—Psalm 107: 1-22. *Minutes. Business. Offering. Study Topic* — Chapter VII — "Wayfarers — Jews, Persians, Hungarians." *Hymn*—"Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious" or "O Lord of Heaven, and Earth and Sea." *Prayer.*

Suggestions.—Ask three members to prepare brief papers on: (a) The history of the settlement of the Jews in Canada; (b) The history of the Persians; (c) The Hungarians in Canada. After each paper have different members tell in a sentence or so: (1) When the Presbyterian mission to the Jews was begun; where the Christian Synagogue is and why it was renamed "Scott Institute"; what means are used to interest the mothers and children. (2) Tell what you know of the life and work of the W.M.S. missionary to the Persians in Canada and show the picture of himself and his people in March *Glad Tidings,* page 98. (3) Tell about Rev. Frank Kovacs and the Hungarian paper, the *Figyelo.* Send to the Publications Office for a copy (10c.) Let the president sum up what these newcomers bring financially and physically.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

How India Impressed Me

Dear Leaders and Girls:

"I have been asked to write a short letter on my first impressions of India, that beautiful country which hides so much misery and suffering, where millions have never heard of Christ and where all kinds of hideous idols are worshipped.

The great work to be done to alleviate suffering and to introduce hospitals, medicines and training, can be seen at a glance, but it is difficult to realize how vast are the problems requiring to be dealt with. Cholera, plague, small-pox and tuberculosis claim millions of victims every year, leprosy in all its hideous forms attacks young and old alike, some have it in its most advanced stages, with others the disease is just commencing. Some of the wee babies are a mass of ulcers from the waist down.

In the few weeks I was at the compound of our mission, I felt the

need of adequate means to deal with the scourges which are liable to break out at a moment's notice.

The need of Christ is very great, what a joy it will be to see Him enthroned in hearts that will witness for Him and be true lights in the darkness. The world will never be evangelized until every individual Christian recognizes His call. Each of us has been called already and we must give some answer. If we cannot go ourselves, we must see that someone else goes to represent us.''

—Lily A. Simpson.

Miss Simpson is now on her way back to India to resume her work. Before leaving, when she was asked in what way the girls of our Church could help, she stressed the necessity of gauze dressings, similar to what is used in the hospitals in Canada. She also mentioned the use she could make of dolls.

The W.M.S. member of the Deputation when leaving Amkhut, left a small gift of money to be expended in a treat for the girls. Word has recently come of the use to which this money was put. A new garden called ''The W.M.S. Garden'' is now abloom in India and is a continual reminder of the link between Amkhut and Canada. Perhaps some of the flowers may be used in decorating the church for the wedding —(Mr. Toombs and Miss Elliott). Watch for further news of this all-important event.

A new ''Misisonary Service of Worship for Girls'' is ready. 2c. each, or 10c. per dozen.

Affiliated Groups: ''Follow the Gleam,'' St. Andrew's Ch., Ottawa; ''Wide Awake'' Group, Todmorden, Toronto.

MISSION BANDS

What Gloria Gave

GLORIA was just such a delightful little person as her name implies; from morning till night she was always ready and willing to do what she could around the house to make somebody more comfortable or to take up some little bit of work for her mother. But one afternoon after the little girl had attended a Sunday School tea party she went about the house with a worried expression on her usually smiling face.

''What is it, dear?'' her mother asked anxiously that night as Gloria went about the task of washing dishes without the accustomed cheery song that she generally used when she washed the supper dishes.

"I am worried, mother," the small girl answered, "for Miss Jones has asked the girls of my class to fill a missionary barrel to send to the children of Armenia, and I have nothing to give."

"Oh, I don't know," the mother responded, thoughtfully. "There are ever and ever so many things that a small girl can give if she will but try, and you must remember, dearie, that there are more ways than one of giving things. For instance, if you haven't the where-with-all to give, you can do something for somebody else while they can accomplish what you are too small to do yourself."

Just then father called mother to his assistance and the problem was left unsolved, but Gloria kept turning it over and over in her mind, deciding on different ways in which she might help fill the barrel.

At the next meeting of the class the mothers were invited to attend, and through their assistance Miss Jones felt assured that the barrel would be a success.

"Well, now," little Mrs. Brown declared sweetly as soon as Miss Jones asked for volunteers to sew, "I could do a lot of sewing if I only had somebody to look after the baby."

Instantly Gloria saw her chance. "I'll look after the baby while you sew, Mrs. Brown," the little girl said timidly. "I am too little to sew, but I can mind the baby every hour you will devote to sewing."

"I will donate a lot of papers to the cause," Mrs. Allen interrupted, "if anybody will take the trouble to sell them."

"I will sell them," Gloria answered quickly; "I will be glad to sell them to the waste-paper man."

Presently the president of the Missionary Committee called Gloria to the platform.

"Do you realize, Gloria," she said softly, "that you are taking a lot on your little shoulders when you promise to do all the things you are promising to do?"

"Yes, ma'am," Gloria answered, "I know it is going to mean a lot of steps and a lot of patience, but I am young enough not to mind the steps, and I have enough patience to take care of several babies at once, and only by giving of myself can I give at all, for mother said we had no money to spare right now since father has been sick so long, but she said there were more ways than one to contribute to a missionary barrel, and I was just hoping that in this way I might be doing my little part."

Miss Jones drew the little girl close to her heart; she was very fond of Gloria, and the part she had promised to contribute toward the missionary barrel was quite as much as any other member of the Sunday School class had promised.

"You have certainly struck the right keynote in giving, Gloria,"

Miss Jones said sweetly as she caressed the little girl's golden hair. "There is no service more precious than personal service, and to do somebody's work for them while they work for the goal we have in sight is quite as well as doing it yourself."

And everybody rose up and clapped their hands for the little girl who was giving of herself toward the missionary cause; and when at last the barrel was all packed and ready to go the whole committee agreed that no one person had contributed more toward filling it than Gloria.

Gloria's contribution, it seems to me, is just a sample of what any little girl could do who does not seem to have anything especially worth while to contribute to a missionary barrel.—*Alice Montgomery Barr in the Christian Observer.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

AT the meeting of the Provincial Board in Calgary, September 20th, the Treasurer reported givings, so far: Calgary, $1,047.64; Edmonton, $672.55; Red Deer, $167.00; Bible woman, $100.00. Sent to Toronto, $1,254.95.

Miss Laura Pelton will begin work among girls, starting at Calgary.

Mrs. W. E. Wilson reported H. H. collections for one quarter, First Church, Edmonton, $70.37. Red Deer and Calgary Presbyterial Secretaries will try to arouse more interest in this department.

Miss Foote reported names of 707 adults and 214 children sent to Welcome and Welfare Secretaries, and told incidents of the work.

Mrs. Gardiner reported 6 Life, 1 In Memoriam, 15 Junior certificates and 3 second-year seals sent out.

Mrs. Gibson reported 6 pins sold and 2 free parcels sent. Thank-offering envelopes and $30.00 worth of books on hand.

Mrs. McTavish reported 3 books sent to British Guiana and parcels to Lausana, Rocky Mountain House, Kitscoty, Horseshoe Lake, Brainard and Grimshaw, and a library to Vegreville Boys' Home. Mrs. Mann, Rocky Mountain House, will be glad to get old magazines for the miners.

Mrs. Allott will present W.M.S. work at the Synod, Calgary, October 30th.

St. Andrew's W.M.S., Edmonton, presented Mrs. Roxborough with a Life Membership in June.

McQueen's, Edmonton, at a joint meeting of W.M. Aux. and Ladies' Aid sent a parcel of clothing to Vegreville.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McQueen landed September 22nd, returning from abroad.

At August meeting of Banff W. M. Aux., Mrs. John Thomson received her Life Membership.

By the removal to Calgary of the family of A. W. Dunsmore, St. Paul's Aux. has lost its efficient Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. WM. CUTHBERT, 1820-5TH AVE. WEST, VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

A VERY interesting gathering met in Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, on September 5th. It was composed of missionaries on furlough, missionaries on the eve of departure to new fields of labor and friends who had the welfare of these young women at heart. The young missionaries were: Miss Margaret Ramsay, of Brantford, Ontario, going to Formosa; Miss Jean MacLean, of Almonte, kindergarten teacher, bound for Japan; Miss Dorothy Douglas, of Lucknow, Ontario, high school teacher for Formosa.

Each young woman spoke, and the burden of their remarks was the need of the prayers of God's people for blessing on their enterprise. "We can feel," said Miss Douglas, "that our message has peculiar power when God's people are on their knees praying for us."

Other addresses were given by Mrs. Ledingham, Mrs. Herd, Mrs. Gourlie, Mrs. Lord and Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson greeted the outgoing missionaries and presented each with roses, as she also did to our Provincial President, Mrs. Ledingham. The Mount Pleasant Mission Band sang the good old martial song, "Dare to be a Daniel."

The annual autumn rally was held in Fairview Church on September 21st. A goodly number were in attendance. Refreshments were served by the W.M.S. of the Church.

Mrs. W. J. White, 1266-26th Ave. W., Vancouver, will act as Provincial Corresponding Secretary for the balance of this year.

MANITOBA

MRS. A. G. MCDONALD, 702 FOURTEENTH ST., BRANDON, PRESS SECRETARY

WINNIPEG P.S.—At the regular meeting of the Selkirk W.M.S., held July 12th, Mrs. A. M. Long, of Winnipeg, gave a splendid report of the Council meeting held in Vancouver. Mrs. McKenzie, of Gonor Mission, also gave a very helpful message.

Brandon P.S.—On August 28th, Mrs. R. Paterson and Mrs. A. G. McDonald went to Rolling River and organized an Auxiliary. While we cannot expect much financial aid from this Auxiliary, it will be of value

to the women themselves. A few are very interested, and isolated as they are, these meetings will be very helpful. Our meeting was held at the mission house.

Under the capable management of Mr. and Mrs. Crump a wonderful change has taken place here. Every thing is immaculate, outside as well as in. Miss Phoebe Crump is at home with her mother now, and is quite a help. The Indians think a great deal of her. It has always been the custom to have the white children put on the Christmas programme, but this year Miss Crump plans that the Indian children will do the greater part themselves. One or two came ten miles to this organization meeting. Mrs. John Bird, the Hon. President, quite an elderly woman, has always taken a deep interest in all the services, coming a long distance, and often over bad roads. I am afraid if we had to go as many miles through them, we would not be as faithful.

At the regular meeting of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, held September 18th, Commissioner Mrs. J. S. Matheson gave a splendid report of the Girl Guide activities while at camp at Wawanesa this summer. The spirit of the camp had been wonderful. One little cripple girl who had a very hard life and did not know the meaning of kindness, far less happiness, had exclaimed to Mrs. Matheson, one day, "My, I wish this would last forever, I am so happy!" That itself Mrs. Matheson said repaid her for her work and responsibility. Why don't more of our women give some of their time to this worth while work? So many miss the joy of service.

Our missionaries, Miss Ramsay and Miss McLean, while in Brandon, gave a short talk in First Church at the morning service, September 9th, and, on behalf of the W.M.S., each was made the recipient of a book. At the W.M.S. meeting on the 18th, Japan and Formosa, the fields to which these young missionaries have gone, were reviewed in a splendid paper by Mrs. H. Crane.

ONTARIO

Mrs. G. Tower Fergusson, 70 Madison Ave., Toronto, Press Secretary

A FULL Board of the Ontario Provincial was held in St. Paul's Church, Bathurst St., Toronto, October 4th and 5th.

The Corresponding Secretary announced 32 new organizations, 4 senior Auxiliaries, 14 Mission Bands, 14 C.G.I.T. Groups. The Treasurer's statement to September 30th showed the receipt of over $50,000, which is considerably in excess of the same period for 1927.

Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, Candidate Secretary of the Council, at one of the sessions, outlined the needs of her department. Perhaps the most pressing of these is a university graduate, with normal school training, as principal for the Girls' School, Formosa, and a fully qualified music teacher for the same institution.

The Church budget was brought to the attention of the members of the Board, special letters were distributed and the desire was unanimously expressed to co-operate with the Budget Committee in raising the amount required this year to carry on the schemes of the Church.

The resignation of Mrs. W. M. Kannawin, as second Vice-President, was accepted with much regret.

Glengarry P.S.—Mrs. Hugh C. McKellar, President of Hamilton Presbyterial, has earned the gratitude of every member of the W.M.S. in this Presbyterial by addressing the sectional meeting of the Auxiliaries of Moose Creek, Maxville, St. Elmo, Dunvegan and Fisk Corners, and also Auxiliary meetings in Lancaster, Martintown, Cote St. George and Vankleek Hill.

Huron P.S. held its annual conference in Carmel Church, Hensall, on September 12th. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Bayfield, Auburn and Goderich Auxiliaries. Reports of the Provincial meeting at Guelph, the Student Volunteer Convention at Detroit, and the meeting of the Council at Vancouver, preceded Mrs. Daniel Strachan's description of her trip to the Orient.

Saugeen P.S.—Over one hundred delegates attended the annual meeting in Durham, May 10th. The Society has suffered the loss by death of their Honorary President, Mrs. Milligan, of Clifford, and their beloved missionary, Miss Agnes Dulmage. An "In Memoriam" certificate was given to Mrs. Dulmage, who was present at this meeting, and one was afterwards forwarded to Mrs. Milligan's daughter, Mrs. Fletcher, of Toronto. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. W. M. Rochester and Mr. J. L. Hamilton.

Superior P.S.—Under ideal weather conditions the W.M.S. Auxiliary and the Ladies' Aid of First Presbyterian Church, Port Arthur, recently held a joint picnic in the local park. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. Long, President of the Winnipeg Presbyterial, Mrs. McLean, of Georgetown, and Mrs. Braiden, Orillia.

Toronto P.S.—A rally of Toronto Presbyterial was held in Calvin Church, Toronto, on the afternoon and evening of September 27th. There were 385 registrations. The speakers were Rev. Joseph Wasson, and the Moderator, the Rev. John Buchanan, M.D., D.D.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S. quarterly executive meeting was held in the new School Home, Huntingdon, Que., on September 27th, the President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, presiding. There was a large attendance from Montreal and the surrounding districts.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. G. Whillans, Presi-

dent, Georgetown Auxiliary, and Mrs. H. R. Graham, President, Huntingdon Auxiliary, Mrs. Graham also extending a hearty welcome to all.

The Treasurer reported that $4,700 had been sent to the Provincial Treasurer since the April meeting. Reports from the various Department Secretaries indicated marked progress in all branches of the work.

It was announced that Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, is to be in Montreal for a month, and her time will be at the disposal of the Presbyterial.

Mrs. D. Strachan, Toronto, President of the Council, briefly addressed the meeting. Mrs. Owen R. Campbell, of Montreal, also gave an inspiring address. Mrs. A. A. Smaill, of Elgin Auxiliary, led in the closing prayer.

Young Women's Rally

An enthusiastic and largely attended district Rally of the Young Women's Auxiliaries was held on September 22nd in Georgetown Church, Howick, under the auspices of the "Lamont" Y.W.A. The Secretary of each Auxiliary submitted an encouraging report of her Society's activities, all showed marked progress and increased contributzions. Sixty-five young women responded to the roll call and members of the different Auxiliaries took part in the programme. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. R. J. Bell, Presbyterial Y. W. Secretary, and inspiring addresses were delivered by Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, President of the Montreal Presbyterial, Mrs. A. W. Pae, Corresponding Secretary, Miss Rhind of the Quebec Provincial Board, and Mrs. Ballantyne, Mrs. Elder and Mrs. Whillans, district Vice-Presidents. During the tea hour Dr. Whillans, pastor of Georgetown Church, addressed a few cordial words of greeting to the gathering. Huntingdon Y. W. Auxiliary extended an invitation to hold the 1929 Rally in Huntingdon.

Lantern Slides

THE Lantern Slide Committee of the S.S., Y.P.S. and W.M.S. Boards beg all their constituents to take notice, that the following sets of slides are ready for use: (1) "Canada," 38 slides; (2) "Overseas," 38 slides; (3) "National and Overseas," 76 slides; (4) "British Guiana," 83 slides; (5) "Japan and Korea," 90 slides; (6) "Formosa," 68 slides. These slides may be secured free, except for transportation charges, both ways, and the making good of any breakages, from: Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, 348-8th. Ave. E., Vancouver, B.C.; Mrs. R. S. Gibson, 317-38th. Ave. W., Calgary, Alta.; Mrs. J. W. Hedley, 32-The Chateau, Regina, Sask. (Saskatchewan and Manitoba apply to Mrs. Hedley); Mrs. A. W. Talbot, 8 Biggar Ave., Toronto, Ont.; Miss H. D. Rhind, 1179 St. Mark St., Montreal, Que.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT

British Columbia

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S.—page 118—changes in Secretaries as follows: Y.W.—Mrs. Fowlie, Penticton; Home Helpers—Miss Ruby Blyth, Canoe; Welcome and Welfare—Mrs. J. Gibb, Vernon; *Glad Tidings*—Mrs. Ruddy, Salmon Arm; Library and Literature—Mrs. H. Farmer, Salmon Arm; Costume and Lantern Slides—Mrs. W. J. Smith, Armstrong.

Manitoba

Library Report—page 54—should read "two dozen hymn books were sent to Elphinstone," not eighteen dozen.

Provincial By-laws, Nominating Committee—page 220—XXII, Clause A, should read "The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Provincial Presidents," etc.

Clause B, add, "That the Nominating Committee also have the right to make nominations as they see fit."

Ontario

Kingston P.S.—page 157—St. Andrew's Junior Y.W. Auxiliary, Kingston, should be credited with $31.62.

Lindsay P.S.—page 159—Mission Band Secretary is Miss E. Faed, Cannigton.

Orangeville P.S.—page 166—Recording Secretary is Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, Shelburne, and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. Palmer, Dundalk.

Saugeen P.S.—page 175—Harriston "Standfast" Y.W. Auxiliary, should be credited with $25.15, and Holstein Y.W. Auxiliary with $4.75.

Life Members

Alberta Provincial.—

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Mrs. John Thompson, St. Paul's Ch. Aux., Banff; Mrs. L. D. Roxburgh, St. Andrew's Ch. Aux., Edmonton.

JUNIOR MEMBER

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JUNIOR MEMBERS

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LIFE MEMBER

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Ontario Provincial.—

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JUNIOR MEMBERS

Guelph P.S.—Miss Mary Williams, Miss Dorothy Phillips, Miss Helen Clark, Miss Mary Wylie, "Lowe" M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., Galt. **London P.S.**—Janet Macdonald, Betty McCallum, "Sunbeam" M.B., Ailsa Craig.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

London P.S.—Rev. R. W. Dickie, D.D., late pastor of Knox-Crescent Ch., Montreal, by his mother. "He fought the good fight"; Mr. Charles Scott, to Mrs. Charles Scott, by Glencoe Aux. **Maitland P.S.**—Mrs. Ann MacDonald, South Kinloss Aux.

Saskatchewan Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. R. H. Scott, Arlington Beach Aux., Govan; Mrs. Robert Honeyman, Maple Creek Aux.

Entered into Rest

COMRIE—At Carleton Place, on September 2nd, Miss Jessie Comrie, beloved President of St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Carleton Place.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

London P.S.—Duff's Church M.B., Campbellton.

Saskatchewan

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—Wilkie Aux.

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Treasurer's Statement

September 29th, 1928

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Toronto, The Misses Stewart "Organ for Amkhut Church"	$ 100.00	South Porcupine Hospital	$ 416.40
Rent of House at Vegreville	20.00	McMurray Hospital	92.16
Mrs. Mathews, "South Porcupine Hospital furnishings"	125.00	Canora Hospital	564.00
Refund from British Guiana	75.00	Vegreville Hospital	394.16
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS		Indian School "Cecilia Jeffrey"	789.99
Alberta	600.00	Indian School, Birtle ..	432.44
British Columbia	325.00	Government Grant paid to Birtle Indian School	3,533.87
Ontario	4,455.00	Chinese work in Canada .	487.93
Quebec	500.00	Huntingdon School Home	184.10
		New Liskeard School Home	64.16
		Saskatoon School Home .	192.32
		Prince Albert School Home	121.37
		Vegreville School Home .	451.98
		Social Service	1,020.85
		India	2,891.22
		South China	241.66
		Formosa	109.88
		Japan	8.52
		Publications	460.33
		Organization	263.33
		Pension	1,164.79
		Christian Literature	350.00
		Miscellaneous	66.80
		Administration	1,652.84
		Deputation	117.64
	$6,200.00		$16,072.74

FINANCIAL SURVEY

Balance on hand August 31st, 1928	$48,712.47	
Receipts	6,200.00	
Disbursements		$16,072.74
Pension Fund		4,978.49
Sustaining Fund		12,447.88
Legacy Fund		4,263.03
Bonds		10,720.00
Cash on hand		5,969.86
Bank balance		460.47
	$54,912.47	$54,912.47

(MRS. R. C.) S. B. DONALD,
Treasurer.

PUBLICATIONS

1928-1929 STUDY BOOKS AND HELPS

FOR AUXILIARIES, Y. W. AUXILIARIES, C.G.I.T. AND MISSION BANDS

The Royal Road, New Study Book for Auxiliaries, price 60c. and	$ .85
May we Assist you With Your Programme on The Royal Road? (new)	.10
Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands, by Muriel Gray. The new study book for teen-age organizations for 1928-29	.25
Light Bearers, the new Mission Band study book for 1928-29	.25
Prayer as a Missionary Method	.04
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Chart on Work of Presbyterian Church	.15
The Creed of Presbyterians, paper	.50
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For Children: Our Children's Hour	.50
Prayer Cards — For W.M.S. members	Free
Helpmates — Girls' organizations	Free
Order of Service — Mission Bands	Free
"Church Union" and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by Rev. E. Scott, D.D., De Luxe edition $1.25; Cloth $1.00; paper	.60
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Christmas

If at Christmastide my heart be cold,
By sorrow darkened or by sin beguiled,
Then come to save, as once Thou didst of old,
Most Holy Child.

— Hoel Caerleon.

Editorial

AS the great Christmas festival with its message of peace and goodwill to all mankind draws near, our thoughts turn to the important event which took place in Paris, on August 27, 1928, when fifteen of the most powerful nations, for the first time in human history, united in a solemn covenant to renounce war as an instrument of national policy and, henceforth to seek a solution of their international disputes by peaceful methods. Since that memorable day, thirty-four other nations have made known their desire and purpose to assume for themselves the same obligations, and fifteen additional nations have been invited to associate themselves with the movement for permanent world peace.

Realizing that the significance and benefits of this national gesture will depend largely on the sincerity with which nations accept its spirit and give reality to its trust, shall not we, who call ourselves Christian women, and followers of the Prince of Peace, pledge ourselves to do all in our power "to help to develop those attitudes of mind and heart towards other peoples and to further the adoption of those procedures and practices in international relations which shall make good the promise of the World Covenant of Peace?"

THE NEW SITE for the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School has been chosen. It is two miles from Kenora, Ont., whence it gets light and can get power. There are one hundred and sixty-eight acres, seventy of which are already under cultivation, the remainder is covered with wood. A beautiful lake, about half a mile distant, provides clear spring water for drinking and cooking. There is a splendid modern barn, also a fine gravel pit on the property. The school will overlook the lake and be seen by passing trains. From the Church's point of view it is a very desirable property.

MANITOBA SENDS this tribute to the late Mrs. John Thunder:

"About three years ago John Thunder, our beloved Indian Missionary on the Bird Tail Reserve was laid to rest in the Bird Tail cemetery. He had worked on the Pipestone and Bird Tail Reserves for fully twenty years and has been greatly missed, and now we have to record the passing of his wife, Mrs. Thunder, for many years the energetic and devoted leader of the W.M.S. on the reserve. About two years ago owing to poor health she had to give up this work. Although in failing health ever since, she would dress and go to Church. This summer she had a great desire to go and visit her own people near Saskatoon, although it was feared she would not be able to undertake the journey. The day before she left a few friends gathered to bid her good-bye. Of her own accord she started a hymn, then asked her brother-in-law, Mr. Tom Thunder to pray, which he did committing her to the care of God. It is with regret we have just heard of her death. She will be greatly missed as, at present, there seems no one to fill her place as a leader of her own people. Let all *Glad Tidings* readers pray that God will raise up Indian Christians to help in this great service for Him."

FOR MANY YEARS our workers in Amkhut have felt the need of a home for the motherless babies who are brought to them from time to time, and a hospital where the mild cases of sickness among the school children could be treated. A memorial gift of five thousand dollars from Mrs. M. G. Abey, of Brandon, means that Miss Robson's dream of years is to become a reality, and that, before very long, in the beautiful but needy Amkhut valley there will be erected a nursing home for little children where motherless little ones will be lovingly cared for and the sick nursed tenderly back to health.

MISS JEAN MACLEAN has gone to Seoul, Korea, to attend the Korean language school. There is no such school in Japan, and it is very important that a beginner get a good start at the language during the first year on the field. She is comfortably settled with Dr. and Mrs. Demming and has secured a Korean young woman as language study assistant. Each student is required to employ such an assistant to help her in the study and preparation of the work assigned in the school. Mr. Young is looking forward with pleasure to Miss MacLean taking a big part in the growing work for women and children in Kobe.

WE ARE GLAD TO LEARN of the opening of a new kindergarten class in the Shinchiku Church, Formosa. Two of our Girls' School graduates were sent as teachers. Although without any special kindergarten training, they have really done very well. Miss Clazie went down and spent

a few days helping them to organize. They have over eighty little ones enrolled, half of them coming in the morning and the others in the afternoon.

AN INTERESTING INCIDENT is related by one of our Field Secretaries: "At the last Easter Thank-offering a member of one of our Auxiliaries stated that had she waited until the day of the Thank-offering, she would not have had anything to give, because unexpected financial reverses had so reduced her income. But last Thank-offering she decided to get a mite box, and every time she had reason for gratitude to drop a small sum into it. The result was that, instead of coming empty-handed, this faithful servant brought into the Lord's treasury, as her Thank-offering, twenty-one dollars.

A VERY HAPPY PIECE OF NEWS is that a C.G.I.T. Group in the west have formed themselves into a Young Women's Auxiliary and are going to take as their study book *Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands.* They are very anxious to make this venture into purely missionary work a success. We welcome these young people heartily to our ranks, for in their action we see our ideal of graduating branches realized.

ROLLING RIVER RESERVE, MANITOBA, held its anniversary service on September 23rd. The little church was full to overflowing with Indians and white people. They have organized a W.M.S. on the Reserve and held their second meeting on September 27th. Although few in number now, Mrs. Crump feels sure that more will join later.

IT HAS BEEN SAID that "the Canadian Presbyterian Church has enrolled among her most honored missionaries the name of Mackay of Formosa. To that list should we not also add this other name Mackay of Round Lake?" This statement was made seven years ago on the retirement from active work of the Rev. Hugh Mackay, D.D., of Round Lake. His death in Winnipeg, on September 20th, compels we who knew him and his unique service to his Church and country, to pay tribute to the memory of this truly great man.

Born in East Nissouri of God-fearing parents, nurtured in a Christian home where the Bible was reverently studied, Hugh Mackay was the first of a succession of six young men who went forth to study for the Presbyterian ministry. In 1877, he graduated from Knox College and went to Manitoulin Island as a pioneer missionary. Here he came in contact with the Indians and his great desire was to give them the gospel. After seven years in Manitoulin Island he offered for work among the northwest Indians, was accepted and went west in 1884, travelling into the heart of Sask-

atchewan, and finally reaching a large Indian settlement known as Round Lake Reserve. Here the missionary pitched his tent, and here he lived until a grant of $600 enabled him to erect his first mission house—a three-roomed building. The condition of the Indians at that time was pitiable. Food was scarce and starvation faced them.

Mr. Mackay began by visiting them in their tepees and being their brother, counsellor and friend. He cared for them in sickness, supplied their needs, taught them to provide for themselves and gave them the gospel message. The children adored him and ere long he started a little school for them. In October, 1884, he had 17 pupils. When the winter set in he kept the children in the mission house and provided for them. Thus began the Round Lake Boarding School.

With the coming of the Northwest Rebellion in 1885, the whole aspect of the work changed. The older people became sullen, the children were removed from school. The Indians decided to join in open warfare and Mackay was warned not to go back to the Reserve. But with that intrepid courage and faith that ever characterized him, he went. As he neared the Reserve, by the light of the fires he saw the Indians decked in their feathers and war paint. Unafraid, he began to sing softly one of the hymns he had been teaching the Indian children. The children recognized the voice and the hymn, and with cries of "Mista Mackay!" they rushed towards him. Surrounded by the children he went forward and asked for an audience with the chief. So impressed was the chief with the fearlessness and the appeal of the missionary, that the Indians of Round Lake took no share in the Northwest Rebellion.

From that time the work progressed. New and larger buildings were erected. The girls were taught domestic duties, the boys how to work the farm. The W.M.S. supplied the clothing for the children and paid the salaries of the workers.

In his thirty-seven years of service in Round Lake, Dr. Mackay lifted the Indian from paganism to Christianity, from dependence to independence, from old established customs and warlike ways to paths of love and peace and duty. He also held before them lofty ideals of patriotism and loyalty to the British Empire, which led them to offer for active service in the World War, many making the supreme sacrifice. He was honored with the degree of D.D. by his alma mater, Knox College.

In October, 1921, Dr. Mackay retired from the work of the mission, to the deep sorrow of his Indian friends who saw in his life of sacrifice the reflection of the love of Christ.

To his widow and other members of his family, we would extend our sympathy.

THE PROGRAMME for the World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the Inter-Board Committee and will be printed by them. For the information of those who do not know, we might say that our Society is represented on this Board by three members of the Council Executive. Any of our branches desiring copies of this programme are requested to apply for them as quickly as possible to Miss Jessie Parsons, Publications Secretary, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto. Price 40c. per 100.

To us it is a wonderful thought that on the 15th of January our workers in India, Formosa, Japan, British Guiana, Manchuria, South China and Canada will be linked with us and women the world around in this great service of intercession.

A PRAYER SERVICE for Presbyterian women will be observed throughout Ontario, Friday, January 11, 1929. A special programme, prepared by Ontario Provincial, appears in this issue.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE who are making a *Glad Tidings* clipping book or filing the magazine according to years, we announce that we can supply a limited number of the following:

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THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY AND DEACONESS TRAINING HOME opened for the fall term on October 5th with a reception at which two hundred people were present. The house is filled to capacity, twenty-two being in residence. Two of these are medical students, and the others are all training as missionaries. There will be a graduating class of eight this year. The pupils are evenly divided between home and overseas service.

A PRINCIPAL will be needed before long for an Indian School. Should any Auxiliary member know anyone suitable, minister or layman, kindly communicate with The Indian Secretary, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, 19 Laws St., Toronto.

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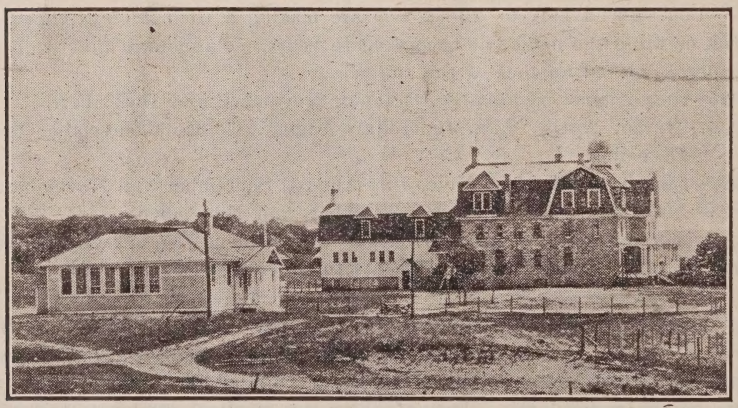
Our Indian Work at Birtle

Mrs. H. B. Currie

THE Indian problem is simply a human problem. We can never appreciate the Indian, nor enter into sympathetic and helpful relations with him until we come to look upon him as a real human being. Let us be a neighbor to these people who have the right to be citizens of this land. Those who have worked among the Indians realize that the key to the whole situation is in the hands of the boys and girls trained in our schools. "A little child shall lead them."

Day schools for the Indians have not, so far, been successful. The children sometimes live long distances from the school and in many places, the Indians wander round and neglect sending their children to school. Then the child returns to the home and hears nothing but Indian spoken.

The advantages of a boarding school are many. It provides proper



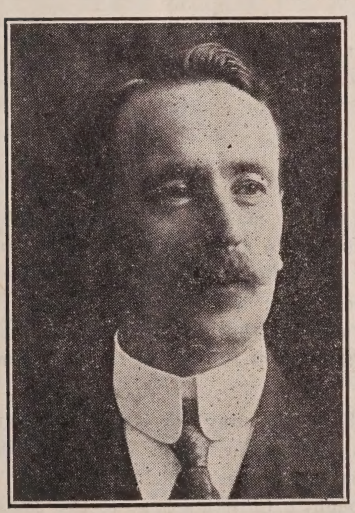
Birtle Indian Boarding School, Manitoba

diet; cares for the health; keeps the child clean; insists on plenty of fresh air day and night; and provides an atmosphere absolutely necessary in the education of a primitive race in ideals of a higher form of culture. The boarding school gives the child sufficient practice in the English language for him to use it with ease. The Indian children receive the same training in our class-rooms as the white children, the difference being that they attend class-room only one-half of each day. The half day they remain in residence they are taught cooking, sewing, laundry work, and the care of the home generally. The boys care for

the poultry and stock, the farm and garden. Schools for teaching the young Indian to farm are largely responsible for the change on the Reservations.

Our day begins at six o'clock. The farm boys go to the stables to milk the cows and do chores; the smaller boys get up later and wash, dress, make beds, sweep dormitories and halls. The senior girls go to the kitchen to help with breakfast, pan their bread, etc. Junior girls make beds and sweep. Breakfast follows, after which we have prayers. Then all ailing children are attended to in the dispensary. The little ones love to bring every little scratch or bruise. Our juniors attend class-room in the morning, the seniors in the afternoon.

The attention and influence of the staff is constant, and is not



Mr. H. B. Currie, Superintendent

Mrs. H. B. Currie, Matron

confined to a few hours as in the day school. Even in play time one member of the staff is always present. The members of the staff also take turns in supervising in the evening and putting the children of each dormitory to bed with more attention than many white children get in their own homes.

One Inspector, after visiting two day schools and one boarding school said, "The difference in the mental attainments of the children in the boarding schools and those at the day schools is an object lesson in itself.

Perhaps we expect too much from our Indian graduates; much depends on his character and on the character of the school which he

has attended, often indeed on the character of the Reserve to which he returns. It is not probable that more Indian children go wrong than white children. When we remember that the Indian, after a comparatively short time in contact with the customs of the white man in the schools, goes back to an environment in which the customs of ages holds sway, and to which heredity strongly inclines him, the wonder is that so many turn out as well as they do. It is the Indian's nature to take the path of least resistance and to copy the vices rather than the virtues of the white man, and he finds it very hard to give up the care-free habit of a wandering life and to settle down to the serious work of providing for the future. We must try and remember that it is only forty-three years since our Indians in this province became Treaty Indians and really settled down to farm and make permanent homes. Now the noble Red man has become a farmer, given up the chase and taken to the plough after many misgivings, and what ten years ago was a fast dwindling race is again commencing to multiply. So, even if many of them are not the best, shall we rebuke them and try to force our way upon them? Shall we not rather help them to build up a nobler structure? Or, rather, shall not they with our example build a structure of their own? We must not try to make a white man out of an Indian any more than we would attempt to make an Englishman out of a Japanese. When we consider all these things we must learn to see the wisdom of going slowly, and of not being discouraged. Our aim is to educate and Christianize the Red man so that he may become not only a worthy citizen of our land but a faithful subject of the Kingdom of God.

In France, a lad lay dying: "Will no one pray for me?" he cried. A boy from one of our Indian schools stepped forward and spoke words of comfort to the wounded soldier ere he "went west." Somebody's pennies trained that Indian boy and brought a Christian hope to two souls. "Cast thy bread upon the water for thou shalt find it after many days."

Having spent eighteen years as matron in an Indian school, I have seen many children brought into school, some of them terribly dirty and neglected, many of them covered with vermin. I have removed clothing from little boys and girls that was simply crawling, and I have seen these same boys and girls grew up to be fine, healthy, educated men and women. Ex-pupils now send their children to the same school clean and well clothed.

Our school girls in Alberni, where we spent seventeen years, used to be sold or bargained for by their parents. Many times the man did not want the girl, but the parents had arranged everything. Eighteen years ago one could almost count on their fingers the Christian marriages.

Now, our school boys and girls marry each other, they make their own choice as white girls and boys do and come to the school to be married, and, instead of going back to live with their parents, they are building homes of their own and living clean, healthy lives amid all the comforts of a home. The girls make good wives and mothers, the husbands work side by side with tthe white man in canneries and at fish plants, in many cases they build their own launches and fishing boats. Our Church deserves all the credit for this great change, for our first schools were built and maintained by the Church. Later the schools received a *per capita* grant from the Government. Now, new schools are being built by the Government, but our W.M.S. still provides the staff for these schools.

The Supply Department is one of the most useful activities of the W.M.S., and meets one of our greatest needs in Indian school work, that of providing clothing for our children. Without this we could not carry on. The comfort and cheer this Department is able to bring can hardly be estimated. And if the members of the W.M.S. could visit Birtle Boarding School they would see by the number of patches on the children's clothing that nothing is wasted. With our large family of boys and girls we never seem to have enough of some articles of clothing. So I hope the women will not grow weary.

Our objective should be, "Canada for Christ," for many Indians are still pagans. Coming home from the Provincial W.M.S. in Winnipeg a few weeks ago, I visited the "Long Plains Reserve." In walking by the banks of the river I saw a large tree draped with flannelette sheets and strips of print. At the foot were Buffalo horns and a great assortment of things. I asked the missionary's wife the meaning of this. She said she did not know. Presently an old Indian came along. I know Indians are very loath to tell the white man anything about their old forms of pagan worship, so we chatted first of other things and then we asked him. This was his explanation: "Our Indians sometimes get very sick and are likely to die. We want them to get better so relatives bring a present and hang it on this tree so that the Great Spirit will see it and be pleased and perhaps our loved ones will get better." The pagan Indians on Vancouver Island gather around the person who is sick, sometimes coming fifty or one hundred miles if it is a relative. The sick person is usually placed on a mat or bed on the floor, sometimes dressed in his or her burial clothes, all his other clothes or possessions are piled round him to be burned or thrown into the sea or buried with him. The box or coffin will be ready outside if it can be procured. None of his things are ever kept by his relatives after his death. The old people who congregate sit on the floor shaking cow's

horns filled with shot, tom, toming on a drum and singing weird Indian songs to keep the evil spirits away. Then some old man will make a long speech telling the history of the dying one, especially all the good things he has done, while near relatives weep with a sort of frenzy. After death they will not allow the body to stay indoors, they always carry it out through a window, never through a door. A few years ago it was the custom to lay the dead bodies by the sea side and let the tide carry them out, or to wrap them in blankets and lash them to the trees. Every article placed on the dead must have a strip torn from it. Later on, the dead were placed in wooden boxes and laid on top of the ground with all their possessions placed on top. Sometimes they would build a little house not unlike a dog kennel over the box containing the dead body. Now, wherever there is a school the dead are given Christian burial.

At Alberni, all the dead were brought from the homes to the school. In our first years there, Mr. Currie used to make all the coffins and we covered them with either white or black goods. Now the Department allows a cheap coffin, and in the case of ex-pupils, the people usually buy their own, and, even during the night, they bring the bodies to the school. I fear in the past many have been wrapped up and carried out before they were really dead. The Government does not demand a death certificate, nor are births registered, so, in isolated places on the great Pacific, many strange things happen among these silent people. Only in one case have I ever known twins to live. They always die in some mysterious way, and in most cases the parents separate as it is considered a great disgrace to have twins. Also, if a mother dies in childbirth the pagan Indians feel that she must have committed some great sin. The old medicine men are fast dying out. They have had great power in the past and have been the cause of many deaths, their methods of healing being very crude and coarse. Our ex-pupils greatly fear the old medicine men, as they have no faith in their cures and dread their methods. But they are so dominated by the old people that they dare not refuse the services of the medicine men. If possible, the educated Indian calls in the white doctor or brings the patient to the hospital, but many of them are from fifty to one hundred miles from a doctor and have to travel by boat, and in very stormy weather this is not always possible.

What is needed among our Indian workers is such a spirit of consecration and vision that, although they know that it may mean a generation or two of effort before any great results are seen, they will work on remembering "it is the way the Master went, should not the servant tread it still?"

The Story of Heung Ling ("Fragrant Spirit")

Miss Ethel C. Reid

HEUNG LING'S childhood was spent in a fairly comfortable home in a village in South China, not far from Kong Moon. Her mother was kind and gentle, but her father was a man of such evil habits of life that often the little girl saw her mother very sad and unhappy.

When about six years of age little Heung Ling's feet were bound and her time for running freely about was over forever. Henceforth she must hobble around on little tightly-bound feet like her mother and all the other women of the household—except, of course, the servants.

She submitted willingly enough, for was she not told that with unbound "big" feet she would be despised and be no better than a slave girl? No rich family would want her as their daughter-in-law and the best she could expect would be a home in some poor workman's family.

After her feet were bound, like most little girls of her acquaintance, she would sit around, patiently bearing the pain, and watching her mother and aunts embroidering dainty little satin shoes for their tiny feet, and looking forward to the time when she, too, would be wearing them. She played with the bright silks and learned to do beautiful, neat embroidery herself. She did not have the opportunity of going to school, but when a teacher came to her home to teach the boys, she "listened in" and being quick and clever, soon learned to read and write the difficult Chinese language.

One day a lady missionary from the city of Canton chanced to visit her village. She was invited to Heung Ling's home, and when leaving, gave the little girl a book. It was written in poetic form and told the story of the Gospel. Heung Ling promised the missionary that she would memorize it, and did so, but there was no one to explain its meaning to her. Although she forgot much of it as time went by, phrases and sentences about the true God, and about Jesus Christ whom He had sent, remained in her mind and sometimes caused her to wonder about it all.

Time went on. She saw her mother growing more sad over the conduct of her father and indeed most of the men of her family seemed to be living evil lives. Her aunts and married cousins seemed to lead such unhappy lives that Heung Ling dreaded the time when she, too, must marry. She began to think of the possibility of escaping marriage altogether. She made up her mind that if there was any way out, she would not get married at all. Now this is not easy in China. Girls have little to say in the matter; their parents arrange for their marriage and

there is no provision made for any unmarried daughters in a Chinese household. Wives are brought into the home for the sons as they grow up, and the daughters must leave to become dutiful daughters-in-law in some other family.

However, Heung Ling found that there was a possibility of escaping matrimony. In fact there were two alternatives. She might become a Buddhist nun—but these nuns with their closely shaven heads and mannish garments, looked unattractive to the dainty young girl, and besides, she heard tales of their life and conduct which repelled her even more than their appearance. The other alternative seemed much more to her liking, and she gladly chose it.

Now it was on this wise,—a family named Chan, in a neighboring village, had had a series of misfortunes, and, after consulting the fortune-teller, they learned the cause of all their "bad luck." Their eldest son, who had died in childhood, was unhappy in the spirit world and had no prestige because he had not even been engaged before he died. A wife must be found for him! That is, a girl must be found who would be willing to enter their home and be considered the widow of this dead son. Just the sort of husband that Heung Ling would like, for she had become pretty well disgusted with the *live* ones she had seen in her own home! Gladly she consented to become the daughter-in-law of old lady Chan.

She was carried to her new home in a red bridal chair, with almost as much fuss and ceremony as though she were a real bride. She found her new "in-laws" a kindly, easy-going family and her life among them was very happy. It was a large household, for the father-in-law had no less than five wives and there were four sons and eleven daughters. All liked Heung Ling and gave her the place of honor among the younger women, for was she not the eldest daughter-in-law?

The second son of the family was highly educated, but was an opium-smoker, so most of the affairs were managed by the third son. He thought a great deal of Heung Ling and said she might have his eldest boy to be her own son.

Heung Ling could sew and embroider better than all the other girls and women, and she loved to make the long silk coats that the men of the family must wear when they went out on the street.

And so the years went by until Heung Ling had been "married" nearly fourteen years and was thirty years of age. This was when we missionaries who lived then at Kong Moon, first became acquainted with her—a young woman of strong, attractive personality, the dignified eldest daughter-in-law of a well-to-do family. She was considered rather proud and was fairly satisfied with life, though sometimes phrases from

that little book she had memorized so long ago would come to her mind and trouble her vaguely.

One day Heung Ling decided to go and hear what these missionaries from Kong Moon had to talk about when they visited her village. She became very interested and began to study "the doctrine" for herself. She felt it was true. It satisfied her heart as nothing had ever done. If it was indeed true God had a claim on her life and she must yield to Him.

One day she heard about *prayer* and asked if it were really true that the great God would listen if one prayed to Him. She decided to try. She went into her little bedroom, and closing the door, kneeled down on the hard brick floor. She did not know what she was going to say but it seemed as though suddenly words were given her and she found herself making a "covenant" with the Heavenly Father. She promised that if He would forgive her sins and accept her as His child she would give her life wholly to His service.

She arose from her knees feeling that God had heard and accepted her life. A great peace seemed to fill her whole being.

She had entered into a new life. Old things—cards, gambling, the theatre—all the worldly things in which she had found enjoyment, had passed from her life. They were easily given up—they were not worth thinking of, when compared with the new joy she had found. Even the beloved sewing and embroidery must no longer take up her attention. Her time must be spent in studying God's Word, in prayer, in telling others about the Saviour, for had she not promised God that she would give her *whole* life to His service?

She talked to all her neighbors and friends, urging them to give up idols and worship the true God. She went back to her old home and told the story there. She went to her relatives in other villages. No distance seemed too long for those tiny feet—tiny still, although she had unbound them. It was a new thing for her to walk so much and people could scarcely believe that she could cover such distances, but she said, "As I walk I pray, and God gives me the strength." So earnest was she, and so convincing were her words, that, ere long, a large number of people followed her example and put their trust in Christ.

Many of her "in-laws," including the opium-eating son, became Christians, also many relatives and friends. Among these were a number who afterwards became Bible women and teachers in Christian schools.

At her own expense, Heung Ling went away to school the better to fit herself for Christian work. She studied at the True Light Seminary in Canton, and later at the Bible School in Wu Chow. She has filled various positions of trust, and is now (1927) Bible woman or "woman-

preacher'' in a large church in Canton city, a faithful devoted worker after fifteen years of service.

Now why was it that Heung Ling was so used of God? Why did so many because of her testimony believe in Christ? I think it was because of the whole-hearted way she gave herself to God right from the first. She felt that she *belonged* to Him and His service demanded all her time and strength—the best she had to give. She put first things first, all the things that were questionable, all the things that took up too much time— even things right and good in themselves, as her lovely embroidery—all must be put aside for what she considered the main business of her life,—the giving of the Gospel to those who were still in darkness and the shadow of death.

Work Among the Indians of Rolling River Reserve

MRS. CRUMP

WHENEVER we visit an Indian home we are always made very welcome, and usually I am offered a chair if they possess one. They feel now that they have a friend to whom they can tell their troubles and they are sure of sympathy and advice.

The 22nd of May was treaty day and nearly every Indian came. The children had a very happy time playing ball, while their mothers sat and talked. They all came dressed in very gay clothes, one old lady, over eighty years of age, had her dress trimmed with dome fastners and wore a brass studded belt. We asked her to let us take her picture but she refused.

When they fall sick we do what we can to help them. The Indian Department supplies us with all kinds of medicines. Should they be too ill to come to the mission house for treatment, we go to them, and if we do not understand the case we telephone the doctor. Just recently we had a very sad case of a young man who cut his foot with an axe. He did not come to get it dressed, nor did he let us know that he had injured it. Three days later Mr. Crump called at his home and found the foot was badly cut. He dressed it and told the man to come to the mission house in two or three days, but he did not come. We saw his wife at church the next Sunday and she said it was getting on all right. Then we heard it was not improving and Mr. Crump set off to see it for himself. He found it in a bad condition so he hurried home and we got the doctor out that day. It had turned to blood poisoning and the young man just lived till Friday. He leaves a widow and four little girls.

We visit the sick at all hours and in all kinds of weather and have to travel on all kinds of roads. Not long ago we were away from home

eight hours and only visited four houses, the roads were so bad and the houses so scattered.

There have been three new babies this year, so far, such bonnie little things. As soon as we hear of the event, we go to visit them, and I take some of the baby clothes which the W.M.S. kindly sends. The mothers are always so pleased and their faces light up when they see them. We are encouraging them to put the woolens on the babies and I am glad to say quite a few are doing so. Our younger women are really trying to be more like us in their ways, they tell me they bathe the babies two or three times a week, and that is a great thing for the Indians to do.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Crump

Whenever possible we have Bible reading and prayer. They all sit down at once, when Mr. Crump brings his Bible out of his pocket, and the men stop smoking and listen attentively to the story of Jesus and His love.

The women often come and ask me to show them how to sew different articles, two came last week wanting dresses made, another could not get the sleeve of her little boy's coat right, so she came, and together we made him a coat which they were very pleased with. Then a young man wanted his sheepskin recovered, that, too, was fixed up with the help of his sister. We get quite a variety of work and some of the requests are very amusing. One old man came one day with a good sized parcel. "Will you mend my watch?" he said, and he unwrapped quite a large clock! A few weeks ago a young man came rushing into the house about nine o'clock and said very excitedly, "Oh, my horse! oh, my horse! what shall I do?" Mr. Crump said, "Well, what is the matter with your horse?" He told us and Mr. Crump went with him and soon had his horse better.

We encourage them to keep their homes clean, and we saw quite a difference this last year. We instructed them in gardening and they were very anxious to learn. I think every house on the reserve had a garden this year. The Indian Department gave them a little onion, carrot and turnip seed.

Our services have been more regularly attended, we do trust this is a good sign and that before long some results of our labors may be

seen. We are often very discouraged, so, dear friends, pray for us continally. The biggest evil we have to fight against is drink. The Galicians make it and will take the Indians' clothing, quilts, moccasins, hay or anything in exchange for it, so you may know how hard it is for these poor things sometimes.

On the 8th of May we cleaned our little church, the women scrubbed and then oiled the floor, the men and women raked up the yard and dug our little garden, then flower seeds were sown. We had a little picnic when the work was nearly done, and a very happy time was spent by all. Our little church looks much improved.

Honor to Whom Honor is Due

"I CANNOT refrain from reporting to you two instances of the splendid efficiency of the Immigration Department of the Women's Missionary Society in reporting names to ministers direct from the ports of entry.

This summer I received from Miss MacArthur, at Quebec, a report of two arrivals at that port destined for our city. The boat docked Saturday afternoon, Miss MacArthur mailed her list Saturday evening. I received it by mail delivery on Monday morning at ten o'clock. At three o'clock that afternoon I called at the homes, whose addresses had accompanied the report, and I found the parties without any difficulty or delay four hours after their arrival here. At the one home had arrived a mother and three children from Scotland to join her husband here. At the other had come a Scotch lassie to sojourn for a time in Canada. That was Monday. On Thursday the superintendent of the cradle roll department called and enrolled the three children and invited them and their mother to attend a lawn social at the church, where fifty others met and had a good time. The new arrivals were in Church at Sunday evening service and at our recent Communion were received into membership, having presented their 'lines' the day I called. This I regard as efficient service. Well done, Miss MacArthur! Please convey to the W.M.S. my very sincere appreciation of such efficiency—and not mine only but that of these newly-come Presbyterians as well."

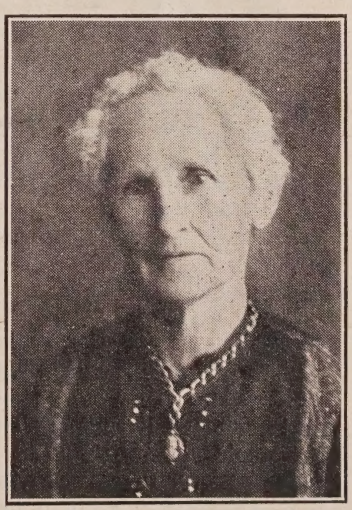
LUKE 2:8-16

"Oh! it isn't the gift, and it isn't the feast,—
Of all the miracles, these are the least:
It's the good that flows from the hearts of men
When Christmas love is abroad again."

Mistawasis Reserve

The Mission House, Mistawasis, Sask.

INTERESTING is the situation at Mistawasis concerning the opening of an Indian day school. The Government has given the W.M.S. permission to undertake an improved day school. It is planned that lunch will be served to the boys and girls, some of whom have to come long distances. Permission has also been secured to keep a limited number of pupils overnight in stormy weather. The W.M.S. has appointed Miss Sadie McQueen of Stayner, as the teacher. She is well qualified by previous experience to undertake this work. The Indians, from the Chief down, are overjoyed at the news and have been actively preparing for the coming of the teacher. The interest of the women in the work of the W.M.S. is evident in their generous contribution of sixty-two dollars—and that of the children in their gift of thirty dollars. Mistawasis is one of our oldest Indian missions, the Rev. John McKay, beginning work there in 1880.



Mrs. J. W. Moore
Who has for many years mothered the Indians on the Mistawasis Reserve

Seeing Ourselves as Others See Us

AN ENERGETIC EULOGY OF THE CHINESE KINDERGARTEN IN MONTREAL

THREE Chinese young men who had just come to an Ontario city from Montreal were talking about conditions there, to some of the local Chinese. One of these latter asked about the Chinese Y.M.C.A., to which one of the Montrealers said, "oh, as for the 'Y' they have a new school in their building now. A missionary is teaching it. She was in South China for a long time and talks Chinese you-have-no-idea-how-well! And Miss Hattie Jue helps her in the school. Yes, Peter Jue's sister. It is such an unusual school. Why, the children sing, they build things, with blocks, and they even play! Who ever heard of

Miss Ethel Reid and the Chinese Children in her Kindergarten in Montreal

teaching children to play? But they learn! In even a few months they can read a lot of characters for they have a Chinese teacher who came from Canton city to teach the characters! They are learning English too! English and Chinese! Truly there was never such a school in Montreal! How happy the children seem for they have music and sing much. And the 'foo hing' (parents and guardians) cannot believe such rapid progress. And the 'barbarian' teacher tells stories, oh they learn so many things—how to count as well as how to sing, and how to read and how to write, in both English and Chinese."

"Love's secret is to be always doing things for God, and not to mind because they are such very little ones."—*F. W. Faber.*

Prayer

"As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold."

SO, may we, our heavenly Father, be ever led to Thee. Thy words are full of hope to all mankind, promising that the light shall come and that the glory of the Lord shall fill the earth. May the same mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus. While we keep the festival of His holy nativity, may we be enabled to consecrate ourselves to the service of all who are in need. Appoint unto us our task and give us strength to fulfil it even when the burden is heavy, the hill high and the wind bleak. Increase our patience and give us gentle trust, which accepts everything at Thy hand as right and wise and good. May we heed what we call "interruptions." These may be little fragments of God's will, breaking into the midst of the plans we have willed. Help us to say, "Thy will, not ours, be done." Grant, we pray Thee, that grace, mercy, and peace may be multiplied to all our workers at home and overseas, especially those far distant from home and friends at this Christmas time. May they feel the fellowship of spirit and the presence of Thine infinite and eternal love. We give Thee thanks that Thou didst reveal Thyself in the Holy Child, Jesus, and we pray to be made simple in faith and love, that we may know the joy of the gospel. Hear us when we pray one for another, and for those who never pray for themselves. May this season flash upon them some home light, touch their hearts with some tender chord that shall bring them to Thy feet. May the Prince of Peace, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, be born anew in our hearts, making our souls lovely with His presence and strong with His grace. Amen.

A LITTLE UKRAINIAN PATIENT

ONE of the interesting patients at Canora Hospital is Bessie, a little Ukrainian girl of nine, but who does not look more than six.

In the spring, Bessie was brought in from a municipality sixteen miles distant. She had no clothes on her, being wrapped only in a dirty old quilt, and was in such a terrible condition neither doctors nor nurses thought she would live. Being the youngest of a large family, and being

delicate, they had just put her in a basket in the corner of a room, and left her there. She had not walked for five years, and had spoken very little for three years.

With great care she was brought back to health. She can now walk and even run, though her little limbs are not perfectly straight yet. She can talk, too, and is the pet of the hospital, both of nurses and patients. Though now well enough to be discharged, Miss Cuddy is loath to part with her, and Bessie does not want to go home. She simply worships Miss Cuddy and follows her everywhere possible.

OUR LETTER BOX

Miss Robson's Motor Has Arrived

Bombay, India.

"What a whirl we have had for the past ten days! My car was ready at last, on September 18th, so down I came, and Mr. McDonald followed the next day to help me to drive it and get acquainted with it, and to do some shopping. Bombay is just a huge department store with fencing seven miles to the north, school supplies, fortunately near the centre, the station to the south and the man who has locks doesn't have screws, and the man who has glass doesn't have putty, but the man who has organs had ours! It had been sold, but he unsold it and to-morrow he ships it off to Dohad. You don't know how thankful I was to get your cable that we might get one. It came after me to Bombay but in plenty of time. I went forthwith to Rose's and the only organ they had at our price was already sold (not paid for) to go away up country when the rains were well over, that would not be until November, so he cabled for another to be sent out immediately and gave me that one.

The car and the organ are both so nice that I hardly know which we'll appreciate most. At present, we are busy trying to find out flaws in the car, so that the agents may put everything right before we take it away. It has to go back to the shop to-day, to be gone over thoroughly, and then be shipped to Dohad. The road is not good enough to take it from Bag to Jobat, but Nathu was going to put the Amkhut Sardi road in shape for us to get in on Saturday."

—*Miss Bertha Robson.*

A Sunday School Rally at Selkirk, Man.

Gonor Mission

"We had a very successful rally on September 30th. At a communion service, at three o'clock, conducted by Rev. Mr. McIntosh, of

Knox Church, Selkirk, eight new members partook of the sacred feast for the first time and one by certificate. Our collection for the day was $9.50. The time was when I feared to mention collection, lest the seats would be empty when the plate was passed. We will soon have to set about enlarging our hall. At such special services and even for Sunday School work it is becoming inadequate.'' —*Mrs. McKenzie.*

A Letter and the Answer

Fort McMurray.

''During the month of September, I had a rather novel experience having been called seventeen miles down the river to look after a sick woman. The following is a copy of letter I received:

'Dear Miss Ross,

Will you please come down to the yards and stay for a few days as mother is very sick. You may come down with the boys to-morrow evening, I think they are leaving about 7 p.m. My brother, the bearer of this note, will tell you when they are going to leave, and where you are to meet them. Please try and come, Miss Ross, as we need you and are depending on you to come.'

Can you imagine how puzzled I was at receiving such a note, and on inquiry from the little brother, who had come to start school here, could get nothing further than that he did not know what was the matter with his mother. I had to think the problem out from so many angles. I said 'was mother too sick to come in the boat?' and his reply was that she could not walk. As the water was getting low and no hope of one of the big steamers arriving on schedule time, in order to bring the patient up if need be, I made up my mind that I should answer the call, and take a chance on getting back myself. So I put a variety of articles in my kitbag and arrived, you might say, almost breathless, wondering whatever could be the matter, and if I had enough to work with. I found the patient had a badly swollen leg, and she had suffered with it for a week and could not account for it. Even with the poor light, I examined it very closely and was not long in discovering the cause, the impression of a hole burrowed by a poisonous insect. I thereupon administered hot fomentations, and kept them on constantly the next day and she found instant relief. When we saw that the boats on regular service were so uncertain, they detailed a man to fetch me home again, for they were more than overjoyed to find the root of the trouble had been found.

After the above case, I had two or three other similar cases of

poisonous bites affecting the hands and arms. I also had a very sick patient in the hospital suffering from ptomaine poisoning. When the cause of her illness was discovered, she made a rapid recovery. She feels that she can never repay the hospital for her treatment, and is so grateful that she has agreed to supply the coal for the winter.''

—*Miss Olive Ross.*

Walking Out to See the Moon Day

Tamsui, Formosa.

September 29th.

''It is just a week to-day since we landed in Formosa and we have seen many things that were strange to our eyes. Tamsui is very beautiful. I never get tired looking at the view of mountain, river and sea. This week I have begun the language and it isn't only new words but new sounds that twist our vocal organs into all sorts of shapes. Then the tones are so important and it is hard for me to distinguish between them. But it is very interesting and I have a very nice little teacher. This week I started in the Girls' School. I am to have three hours a week in English with the fourth class, instead of Miss Kinney. I was quite pleased to get started so soon. I am living at the Mackay's and enjoy being with them very much. Their five children are at school in Kobe so they were very lonesome.

The Women's School had a celebration last Friday night for 'Walking out to see the Moon Day.' I believe it corresponds to our harvest moon when it is full. They had their desks forming a semi-circle on the lawn with an organ in the centre. On each desk they had some cakes and candy done up in a paper serviette, fruit, tea, and peanuts fried in garlic. Being fond of peanuts I was quite disappointed. They played games such as musical chairs and pinning a name on your back, and you had to guess who you were by asking questions that could be answered by yes or no. They had the victrola from the Girls' School and many beautiful records. Besides this the air was soft and balmy and the moon was full. A hymn was sung at the beginning and at the end. You may be sure we all enjoyed it very much.

Generally speaking, you see a great difference between the heathen and Christians but, even the heathen clean themselves up occasionally, and then it is more difficult, but I think mostly their faces tell the story.

Yesterday there was a meeting of the cradle roll at Mrs. McMillan's. There must have been about fifty mothers with their children. Mrs. McMillan gave them a talk on how to look after their children and how to improve their general health. They seem to think these talks are very

profitable. One woman came over a mile, carrying a baby on her back and another little one on her arm. Mrs. Mackay and I took our walk in that direction and carried the baby home. She is the only Christian in her village and she seemed very pleased. I cannot imagine how they live in their little houses without air. You would think they would suffocate. We went on down to the seashore for a few minutes. It was my first visit out to the beach. I hope the next one will be longer.

Miss Burdick and I have decided that instead of being footsore and weary, we are throatsore and weary. I hope the letters will soon begin to come from Canada. It seems a long time since I got any mail.''

—*Miss Dorothy C. Douglas.*

Huntingdon

''I have twelve pupils in residence. Yesterday was an exciting day as the Academy held their opening exercises and it kept me busy getting the lists of books for the children and buying their books. I have one boy, seven years of age, but he is a little darling. They are all lovely children and everything is going along beautifully. Every one has just gone wild over the Home. We have had visitors from Saskatoon, Bethune, Louisianna, Mississippi and Ireland and they all like the Home so much they would like to come and live here.''

—*Mrs. Gouldthorpe.*

Prince Albert

''I have eight girls besides the four wards of the home, six are attending the collegiate. They are all willing to assist with the work and are a happy and congenial family.''

—*Miss Elizabeth Macdonald.*

Order of Service For The Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL W.M.S.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 1929.

MRS. W. A. MCLENNAN

''Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.''—Ps. 127:1.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: in unison.

Accept our thanksgivings, most gracious Father, for the love that has spared us to see the beginning of this new year of worship and

of service; into Thy hands we commit our lives, that through it we may be safely guided and lovingly kept; may each day bring to us an ever deepening sense of Thy fatherly care, and from our hearts an ever increasing song of love and gratitude, and, whatever be in store for us may all our experiences perfect our worship, and deepen our devotion to Thee, and to our fellow-men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I. The Individual:

"Not in the clamor of the crowded street
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng
But in ourselves our triumphs or defeats."

PRAISE: Hymn 270, "Breathe on Me Breath of God."

SCRIPTURE: Deut. 8:11-20; 11:18-21.

PRAYER: For personal contact with Christ, a personal allegiance and a personal consecration.

PRAISES Hymn 556, "Jesus Master Whom I serve."

II. The Home:

"Happy the home where Jesus' name
Is sweet in every ear;
Where children early lisp His fame
And parents hold Him dear."

SCRIPTURE: Col. 3:12-25.

PRAYER:

For all fathers and mothers, that they may train their children according to God's precepts; for the young that they may follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ; and that all members of every household may live in unity and serve one another in love.

PRAISE: Hymn 707, "Oh Happy Home! Where Thou Art Loved the Dearest."

BRIEF ADDRESS: "Stewardship within the Kingdom."

III. The Church:

"Sure as thy truth shall last
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heaven."

PRAYER:

For the Church and her ministry; for the steadfastness of her members; for loyalty to the Christian faith; for more workers and for the missionaries at home and abroad.

PRAISE: Hymn 303, "Christ is Our Corner Stone."

BENEDICTION: in unison, Jude 24:25.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever! Amen."

This service is planned to last not longer than one hour.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for December

"THE ROYAL ROAD"

Hymn—"Joy to the World! The Lord is Come." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings,* p. 419). *Scripture Reading*—Luke 2:1-20. *Minutes. Business. Roll Call. Intermission*—(5 minutes to speak to strangers). *Hymn*—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." *Study Topic*—Chapter VIII—Road-makers—Our Field Secretaries. *Solo. Offering. Hymn*—"Jesus Shall Reign", or "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." *Prayer.*

Suggestions:—Ask three members to represent our three Field Secretaries and let each tell in her own words the story of how she came to engage in this work, and relate some of her experiences. For information see "The Royal Road", chapter VIII, and *The Glad Tidings,* 1925-1928. Be sure and refer to the special page which is devoted to girls' work. Plan for Christmas gifts for lonely or far-distant people.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS! Christmas! Joyful Christmas! The Big Day!

"Whose Big Day?" asked our little Patsey, after being satisfied on the point of his own birthday, "is it Yisu Massih's Big Day?"

Yes, sure enough, it is Yisu Massih's Big Day.

Dear Canadian girls! Won't you give just two minutes at the beginning of your own happy Christmas Day, to give thanks that it has been Yisu Massih's "Big Day" in Amkhut, that beauty spot, hidden away from the world in the far-off Bhil jungle—but where Jesus has gathered over two hundred little children to sing His praises on that Day?

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing". . . .Before daybreak, the valley resounds with the glad proclamation. At noon, when the parents also come, to unite in the Big Day's rejoicings, it is "Oh, Come All Ye

Faithful, Joyfully Triumphant.'' And at the close of the day, tired but wholly satisfied, for the joy of giving, as well as of getting, has been theirs, the new garments folded carefully away but perhaps with a new dolly clasped tight in little brown arms, the sweet, sleepy voices will be singing:

''Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven
To live with Thee there.''

Canada! Christmas morning! Eight o'clock—your Big Day just beginning!

India, Amkhut! The hour when the evening prayer of thanksgiving ascends.

The mountains have cast their long shadows over the valley, but the highest tips of the eastern hills remain lighted. The sun is surely loath to have the happy day slip quite away.

But the rays of the same sun, at this very moment, have ''touched the snows of Canada.''

Then I shall tell these sleepy, happy little ones that the Canadian girls, just now, are sending them a message of love. The beautiful brown eyes will shine at the thought. In silence they will listen—and with the heart they will hear. Shyly and softly they will whisper, ''Salaam, salaam, bara din mubarak ho,'' ''Peace, peace to you! May the Christmas Day of the Canadian girls be blessed!'' And in the prayer that follows will be a petition that, from morning until evening your Big Day too, may be full of sweetness and of joy. —*Bertha Robson.*

MISSION BANDS

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

Hymn—''Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.'' *Bible Lesson*—Matt. 2 (read alternately). *Prayer*—Children of the World. *Minutes and Business.* *Hymn*—''Away in a Manger.'' After the Leader repeat in unison this poem:

''All over the earth they are swaying
The nests where the little ones lie,
And the faces—black, brown, white or yellow
Are watched by the Father's kind eye.

Because long ago in a manger
The dearest of little ones lay.
Our hearts turn with prayer to the Father,
To bless every baby to-day.''

Offering. *Mission Band Prayer.*

A Christmas Story

THE BOY WHO NEVER SMILED

LAURA A. DILL

A FEW years ago a boy was brought to a mission hospital in China, suffering from terrible burns. In that country it is very cold in winter and very few houses have furnaces or even stoves. In that boy's home they only had fire-baskets. A fire-basket is an earthen bowl around which layers of bamboo twigs are wound. These, the people hold in their hands or inside their long gowns. One cold night this boy, Ting Lo, took a fire-basket into bed with him when his mother was not looking. It was a dangerous thing to do. He was very warm and comfy, and soon fell asleep. Suddenly the heavy quilt caught fire and by the time Ting Lo's screams awoke his parents, he was terribly burned. They sent for a Chinese doctor, but his treatment made the little fellow suffer greater pain. Friends persuaded his father and mother to take him to the mission hospital. After many weeks of care little Ting Lo began to get better, but he was never known to smile, and the other children called him "the no-smile boy."

The day before Christmas the nurses brought a Christmas tree into the ward and began to put on the pretty bright decorations. The children laughed and clapped their hands as the white parcels, all shapes and sizes and tied with bright ribbon, were hung on the tree or piled on the floor beside it. But what about Ting Lo, the boy who never smiled? As he watched the busy workers his dark eyes began to sparkle, then there was a tiny smile—the first in the many weeks of terrible pain. Then all sang, "Away in a Manger," and other Christmas hymns, and the Chinese pastor told them the story of the first Christmas day. When his gifts were given to little Ting Lo, he not only smiled, but was soon laughing with the others as he opened his parcels.

As I read this story I thanked the dear Father for the work and gifts of the boys and girls of our Mission Bands. This little story shows us how our gifts bring smiles and happiness to others less fortunate than ourselves, and we must keep up the good work.

Dear Leaders and Mission Band members, your Secretary wishes you all a happy Christmas and hopes you will not forget that—

"There never was a Christmas tree
Till Christ was born for you and me,"

and remember, too, that—

"The world had worshipped God with fear
Till little Jesus brought Him near.
So may we not be holy too
Since Christ did this for me and you."

Closing Hymn.—"I Love to Hear the Story."

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. J. H. Acheson, 11728-94th St., Edmonton, Press Secretary

MRS. ALLOTT presented W.M.S. work at the Synod meeting in Calgary, October 30th. The Rev. John Buchanan, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, was present, and immigration, the Banff church, Home and Foreign Missions and the Budget were important items of the programme. Another $600 has been sent to the General Fund from Alberta. A letter from Mrs. Donald states that the W.M.S. at large is in much the same condition as this province, standing financially about where it did at this time last year. Red Deer Presbyterial Executive met October 3rd in Olds. Business and discussion occupied the afternoon. There was a fair representation. Unanimous approval of the return of Miss Pelton, was expressed. Letters of sympathy were sent to Brooksley Aux. in the loss of Mrs. Jacobson, one of its enthusiastic workers, and to Innisfail, in the passing of a worker old in years, who, in her active days, was Hon. President of Red Deer Presbyterial for some years. A keener insight into W.M.S. work, is obtained at these meetings, and a more enthusiastic outlook follows.

Miss Jean Johnston, Edmonton, formerly of Toronto, is the new superintendent of Vegreville School Homes, succeeding Mr. Hall. Miss Johnston's special business training and experience with boys and girls, as well as her personality and musical ability qualify her for the post. She is organist and soloist in the church and Sunday School, and leads the boys in the music in the home. She reports — Vegreville School Homes are filled, with 19 girls and 26 boys enrolled. Miss McKee still is in charge of the Girls' Home. Miss Jessie McQuarrie, Edmonton, is the new matron of the Boys' Home, and Rev. A. Robertson has been appointed Acting Provost.

First Church, Edmonton, gave an enthusiastic welcome home to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McQueen, October 10th. It happened to be the 38th anniversary of the reception given to Mrs. McQueen on her arrival in Edmonton as a bride.

At the Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S., October 17th, the collections amounted to $300.35, which included one Honorary and three Life Memberships.

Westmount, at its Sunday morning meeting, presented a Junior Membership to a member of the Mission Band.

Mrs. Harback, President, gave an interesting report of the Council meeting, at the semi-annual meeting of Calgary Presbyterial, in Knox Church, September 19th. Reports of departments were received. Mission Band work has been very satisfactory. Mrs. Blackburn, Medicine Hat, and Mrs. Thompson, Banff, conducted the devotions. In the evening pictures of British Guiana were shown, illustrating a talk by Mrs. Saunders. The pastor, Mr. Hollingworth, spoke on the value of missions. Mrs. G. Black, President, Y.P.S., girls' branch, and Mrs. McClennaghan, Lethbridge, assisted in the devotions.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. Wm. Cuthbert, 1820-5th Ave. West, Vancouver, Press Secretary

THE Autumn Rally of the Westminster Presbyterial gave a happy indication of what will be done during the coming months. At this meeting, two young women, Miss Douglas and Miss Moody were introduced to the audience. They are taking a special course in the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, to prepare themselves for service in the mission field. On behalf of the Westminster Presbyterial, the President, Mrs. Herd, gave each, a student Bible as a parting gift.

On Sunday October 7th, Miss Binnie, a member of Fairview Presbyterian Church, on the eve of departure to the foreign field, under the auspices of the China Inland Mission, told how in childhood she had dedicated herself to God's service. She is well equipped for the work, being a graduate of the University of British Columbia and the Vancouver Bible School and has had three years' training in the General Hospital in Vancouver. After her address she was presented with a Bible by Rev. Mr. Ellis the minister.

At its September meeting, the Provincial Board of the W.M.S. went on record as favoring biennial meetings of the Council.

Mrs. Smith, Life Membership Secretary, reported the first junior Life Member from Victoria.

The Late Mrs. Donald McLeod

A great loss has befallen Westminster Presbyterial in the death, on October 25th, of Mrs. Donald McLeod, of Vancouver. Mrs. McLeod was the first President of Westminster Presbyterial after re-organization in 1925 and became First Vice-President in 1926, resigning in 1927 because of ill-health. She was a staunch supporter of the W.M.S. of Central Church, each year presenting two Life Memberships. Deepest sympathy is extended to her husband, Dr. Donald McLeod.

MANITOBA

MRS. A. G. McDONALD, 702 FOURTEENTH ST., BRANDON, PRESS SECRETARY

WINNIPEG P.S. July 12th. *Selkirk* W.M.S. had the pleasure of having Mrs. A. Long, Presbyterial President, give them a splendid account of the Council meeting at Vancouver. Mrs. McKenzie, of Gonor, also spoke.

Weston W.M.S. held their Thank-offering October 9th. Miss Mary C. Johnstone was made a Life Member, in memory of her mother, the late Mrs. Johnstone. The pin was presented by Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Provincial President, who spoke touchingly of the late Mrs. Johnstone and her devotion to the work of the W.M.S. Mrs. Hutchison also gave an interesting account of the Council meeting. Mrs. H. W. Huntley, Provincial Y.P. Secretary spoke on "The Church's Responsibility to the older 'Teen Age Girls."

Old Kildonan W.M.S. at their meeting, September 13th, heard a fine address on the Council meeting, by Mrs. Long, of Winnipeg. Miss Henderson read an interesting paper on "The Rev. John Black, and Other Pioneer Missionaries of the West." At their Thank-offering, October 11th, Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Provincial President, gave a splendid report of the Council

Brandon P.S.—*Neepawa* W.M.S. held their annual open air meeting in July at the beautiful farm home of Mrs. James Hall. Wellwood Auxiliary were guests on this occasion, 68 being present. Mrs. Dunsmore, the President, extended greetings to the visitors and said "she hoped these yearly meetings would long be continued." Miss Connell, Neepawa, gave a fine report of the Council meeting.

The Thank-offering was held on October 19th. Fully 70 were present including a number from Wellwood. Mrs. Dunsmore presided. Mrs. W. Thompson took the devotions. Mrs. A. G. McDonald, Brandon, addressed the meeting on "Our Call to Service, Every Woman of the Church a Member of the Women's Missionary Society." The singing by the Mission Band added to the pleasure of this meeting

Lenore W.M.S. held their Thank-offering September 26th. Mrs. J. B. Miller gave a helpful address. Mrs. W. Hudson, of Kenton, was a guest at this meeting. Although this is a very small group the offering was very good.

Boissevain W.M.S. held their Thank-offering October 4th., Mrs. Richardson, the President, presiding. Forty members were present. Mrs. D. W. Yuill, Melita, Presbyterial Young People's Secretary, gave a splendid report of the Council meeting.

Holmfield W.M.S. Thank-offering was held October 11th. Mrs. D. W. Yuill, Melita, gave an account of the Council meeting. Although this is a small group, they are earnest missionary workers.

Melita W.M.S. held their Thank-offering October 11th. Mrs. D. W. Yuill, the President, presided. Mrs. A. G. McDonald gave an account of our work in the Brandon Presbyterial. The Mission Band contributed much to this programme by their splendid singing. An In Memoriam subscription was presented by this Auxiliary in loving memory of the late Mrs. Floyd.

Carberry W.M.S. Thank-offering was held in Knox Church October 17th. Mrs. J. L. Cowie, presided in the absence of the President. After the devotions an address "Our Call to Service" was given by Mrs. A. G. McDonald, Brandon. A chorus was sweetly rendered by the Mission Band.

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

BARRIE P.S.—Everything combined to make the Thank-offering at Orillia memorable—a fine day, Miss Bessie MacMurchy's thrilling appeal for India, an audience of over two hundred women, and an offering of $447, including five Life Memberships and two "In Memoriams."

Thank-offering meetings have also been held at Wyebridge, October 16th, Penetanguishene, October 24th, Midland, October 24th, and Fort McNicoll, October 26th. At all these places the offering was most gratifying.

The southern division held its sectional meeting at Alliston, October 16th. Rev. Morris Zeidman gave an address on his work among the Jews, and Mrs. Shortt, Presbyterial President, told of the Council Meeting in Vancouver.

Delegations were present from Midland, Penetanguishene, Hillsdale, Elmvale, Knox and Wyebridge, at the sectional meeting in Elmvale, September 25th. Plans were made for the organization of several new Auxiliaries. Still another sectional meeting was held in Thornbury, October 9th.

Brockville P.S.—A sectional meeting was held in Knox Church, Morrisburg, on the afternoon and evening of October 2nd, Morewood, Dunbar, Winchester, Chesterville and Winchester Springs were well represented. Addresses and papers were given by Miss Feeley, Morewood, Mrs. J. A. Riddell, Pittston, Rev. D. MacOdrum, Brockville and the Rev. G. Graham, of Winchester.

Sarnia P.S.—There was a large attendance at the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Sarnia. The special speaker, Mrs.

R. C. Donald, Treasurer of the Council, received a warm welcome from her many friends in her native city.

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, The "Manse", Beauharnois, Press Secretary

MONTREAL P.S.—An interesting sequel to the opening of the School Home at Huntingdon, reported in the November *Glad Tidings*, is the announcement that the hoped-for piano has arrived and been duly installed with fitting ceremony, in which Mr. Wm. Kerivey and Dr. Maclean took part. In Mrs. Gouldthorpe's letter telling of its arrival, she said, "The children went simply mad with glee. I had to restrain them or the piano would have been the worse for their enthusiasm. They are taking turns at playing it. I invited my Sunday School class in, on Sunday afternoon, to join my children in the Home singing hymns. We spent an agreeable hour singing the old favorites. If any one would donate a few small hymn books, such as are used in Sunday School, they would be greatly appreciated."

Quebec P.S. reports three sectional meetings held during the summer at Melbourne, Inverness and Milan, when the reports of Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Waddell, delegates to the Council, were listened to by appreciative audiences. Weather conditions at Inverness resulted in a smaller attendance than otherwise would have been the case. Members of the Executive Board, in Sherbrooke, attended all three meetings.

During September, Miss Lamont made her itinerary through this Presbyterial, visiting all the Auxiliaries. She spent three days in Sherbrooke and addressed every woman's organization connected with St. Andrew's Church, as well as the C.G.I.T. and Mission Band. Great results are hoped for from these visits.

The semi-annual meeting of Quebec Provincial Board was held in Knox-Crescent parlors on October 16th. Seventeen members were present. Mrs. I. C. Sharp presided. Mrs. F. S. McKenzie gave the words of welcome and Mrs. McKelvie, President, Quebec Presbyterial, responded. Miss B. G. Kilgour led the morning devotions and Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Fraser those of the afternoon.

The Secretaries' reports were full of encouraging features. The Treasurer reported having sent $6,800 to the General Treasurer. Splendid work has been done by our Welcome and Welfare workers. Our port workers, Misses McArthur and Scott, in Quebec, and Miss Munro, in Montreal, assisted by Miss Jenkinson, one of our deaconesses-in-training, have been indefatigable in caring for the strangers who have come to make their

homes in Canada. Mrs. Douglas, our hospital worker, has been successful in interesting several Auxiliaries in hospital visiting and caring for families of children when the mother is laid aside. The work takes time and is being done so quietly and faithfully. "It cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents, but in better lives, children in Sunday School and some lonely, homesick souls brightened up a little bit." The great need in the girls' and young women's work is leadership, to quote from the Girls' Work Secretary: "Girls calling for leaders surely present a challenge to the W.M.S. that cannot be treated lightly." The Home Helpers' report showed strong, virile growth in this department with sustained interest and steady progress. The Literature Secretary expressed the wish that more interest be taken by individual members in the study books and leaflets. The Supply Secretary reported bales sent to Huntingdon and Rouyn, supplies to Miss MacArthur's cupboard and two outfits to Birtle.

Mrs. Dougherty reported for Montreal Presbyterial and Mrs. McKelvie for Quebec Presbyterial. Both felt the work was on a very satisfactory basis, and appreciation of Miss Lamont's work was expressed.

Mrs. Sharp gave the closing words and Mrs. G. W. Grier offered the closing prayer.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern, 1934 Victoria Ave., Regina, Press Secretary

"Scott" Auxiliary, Coleville, with a membership of ten reports an average attendance of eighty-five per cent. This Auxiliary holds a Thank-offering service every quarter. The ladies from Coleville occasionally join with the Kindersley ladies at their meetings. At the last meeting of Scott Auxiliary, the ladies from Kindersley were special guests. This interchange of members is mutually helpful.

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S. held a helpful and enthusiastic sectional meeting at Rosetown, September 27th. Some of the ladies drove long distances alone (100 miles) in order to be present, and felt that the effort was worth while. The morning devotions were taken by the members of Rosetown Auxiliary. Rev. G. Dickey, Rosetown, welcomed the visitors and expressed his appreciation of the way the women have stood behind the work of the Church. Mrs. Grant, Saskatoon, presided and explained the purpose of sectional meetings. Miss Pelton spoke on organization and the duties of secretaries. She pointed out the need for co-operation among the various secretaries in order to insure a successful Auxiliary. Mr. Legget closed the session with prayer.

The ladies from Coleville were responsible for the afternoon devotions. Encouraging reports were given from Coleville, Rosetown,

Biggar, Kinderley, Luceland, St. Andrew's and Parkview, Saskatoon. Mrs. W. G. Brown and Miss Laura Pelton were the speakers. Both addresses were listened to with keen interest. Rev. Mr. Bell, of Biggar, closed the meeting with prayer.

Saskatoon.—Parkview W.M.S., held its first autumn meeting, September 11th. Mrs. George McTavish presided. The Secretaries reported for the various departments. Rev. W. J. Burnett spoke of the activities of the Presbyterian Church, emphasizing the budget undertaking.

Kindersley.—St. Andrew's Church reports an active W.M.S. of 16 members, with an average attendance of 15.

Regina P.S.—The W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, held its first meeting of the fall, September 26th. Mrs. J. A. Sinclair presided. Those present were delighted by the message which Mrs. J. W. Dill, Mission Band Secretary, brought. After four o'clock the children from the "Sunbeam" Mission Band attended. Mrs. Dill also spoke to the children and held them spell-bound. One little girl in telling her mother about the meeting said, "Mother I just couldn't take my eyes off Mrs. Dill's face." This was true of all the children who heard Mrs. Dill.

The ladies of First Church W.M.S. paid tribute to the faithful, and cheerful service of one of its members by making Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern a Life Member.

The Thank-offering was held October 24th. Rev. S. Farley presided. Rev. H. R. Horne, D.D., addressed the meeting. He spoke of the progress that has been made by the W.M.S. and emphasized the importance of increasing the membership. The offering was over one hundred dollars.

Change of Officer and Address

Mrs. J. W. Hedley has been appointed Lantern Slide Secretary for Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and Library, Literature and Exchange Secretary for Saskatchewan. Her address now is 2358 Broad Street, Regina.

WHAT WE STILL NEED

In response to the intimation contained in the October issue of *Glad Tidings,* our School Home in Saskatoon is now provided with a sewing machine. This is a gift from a member of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Toronto. The things still needed are: a radio for the reading room at Rouyn, Que.; a gramophone for one of the Indian Reserves; a victrola for the Nurses' Home, Canora; a typewriter for Saskatoon School Home; a typewriter for Vegreville School Homes; a sewing machine for Vegreville Hospital. Please correspond with the Council Supply Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, 154 High Park Ave., Toronto 9.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT

British Columbia

Kootenay P.S.—page 118—Y.W. and C.G.I.T. Secretary—Mrs. M. J. Boyd, Box 10, Creston.

Ontario

Orangeville P.S.—page 166—Changes in Secretaries as follows: Recording—Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, Shelburne; Corresponding—Mrs. D. H. Palmer, Dlndalk; Y.W.—Miss I. Meddaugh, Dundalk; Home Helpers' —Mrs. F. W. Falconer, Inglewood; Welcome and Welfare—Miss Mitchell, R.R. 4, Dundalk; Life Membership—Mrs. W. J. Hunter, Inglewood; Press—Mrs. J. H. Reith, Grand Valley; Exchange—Mrs. Arnott, Orangeville; Finance—Mrs. Watt, Orangeville.

Stratford P.S.—page 176—Avonbank and Motherwell Auxiliaries have united, now being known as the Avonbank-Motherwell Auxiliary. Officers are as follows:President—Mrs. Alex. Watson, R.R. 5, St. Mary's; Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. Brown, R.R. 8, St. Mary's; Secretary—Mrs. Jas. B. Tier, R.R. 5, St Mary's

Quebec

Montreal P.S.—page 191—**Ormstown Auxiliary**—Mrs (Rev.) W. Ross, Miss L. Reid, Mrs. John Tinning, Ormstown, membership 40, contributions $241.50.

Saskatchewan

List of Officers—page 195—Literature Secretary is Mrs. J. W. Hedley, 32 Chateau Apts., Regina.

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In Memoriam Subscriptions

In Loving Memory of:

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mother, Mrs. Harkley of Paisley, to Mrs. Frank Rennie of Walkerton; Catherine, to her mother, Mrs. J. G. Ord, by the "Redwing" C.G.I.T., Tiverton. **Hamilton P.S.**—Miss Elizabeth Turner, by Mrs. McQueston; Mrs. Hugh Buttrum, by Mrs. John Buttrum; Miss Elizabeth Mary Elliott, by her sisters, Grace and Margaret Elliott; all of McNab Aux., Hamilton. **Maitland P.S.**—Mrs. Rebecca MacGregor, by her sister, Mrs. MacKay, Kincardine, to Mrs. Roderick MacGregor, of Ripley; Agnes Elizabeth Mather, by her sisters, to Miss M. Mather, Kincardine Aux; Mrs. G. Million, to her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Reid, by Teeswater Aux.; Mrs. A. Grant, to her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Little, by Teeswater Aux. **Orangeville P.S.**—Mrs. Mitchell, to daughter, Maud, by Maple Valley Aux.; Mrs. Swinton, to her daughter, Miss Marion Swinton, by Caledon East Aux.; Miss Ada Jane Thornton, to her sister, Miss Luella Thornton, by Claude Aux. **Peterborough P.S.**—Mrs. Wm. Hume by her sisters, the Misses Govan, Campbellford Aux. **Sarnia P.S.**—Mr. A. J. Ross, by his daughter, Mrs. Thos. Brand, Forest Aux. **Saugeen P.S.**—Mrs. Jas. Clark, Harriston Aux.; Mrs. McLennan, Clifford Aux. **Stratford P.S.**—Mrs. (Rev.) J. M. Nicol, by Knox Ch. Aux., Listowel. **Toronto P.S.**—Mrs. S. J. Adams, by her daughter, Mrs. G. Dyer, Dovercourt Road Aux., Toronto.

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Entered into Rest

MACKAY—At Renfrew, Ontario, on July 26th, Elizabeth J. Cox, wife of Mr. W. A. MacKay, a Life Member of the W.M.S. and President of Renfrew Auxiliary.

Treasurer's Statement

September 30th, 1928

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
A Friend, "Organ for Amkhut"	$ 25.00	South Porcupine Hospital	$ 387.83
"Others" Class Dovercourt Presbyterian Ch., "Overseas Work"	35.00	McMurray Hospital	144.16
Mrs. M. G. Abey "Nursing Home for Children in India"	5,000.00	Canora Hospital	532.50
Rent of House at Vegreville	20.00	Vegreville Hospital	319.16
Refund on piano for Huntingdon School Home from the Montreal Provincial Treasurer	250.00	Chinese Work in Canada	535.02
Refund on Miss Murray's ticket to British Guiana	9.20	Indian School "Cecilia Jeffrey"	299.99
Refund from "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School	500.00	Government grant paid to "Cecilia Jeffrey"	2,620.51
Refund from the Canora School Home	155.70	Indian School, Birtle	432.44
Refund on Miss Simpson's Travelling Expenses	59.06	Huntingdon School Home	351.05
Pensions received from workers	72.85	New Liskeard School Home	239.16
Grant from Government for "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School	2,981.96	Saskatoon School Home	538.16
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS		Prince Albert School Home	355.25
Alberta	500.00	Vegreville School Home	1,499.04
Manitoba	780.00	Social Service	1,046.49
Ontario	10,850.00	British Guiana	466.66
Quebec	1,500.00	South China	491.66
Saskatchewan	525.00	Manchuria China	300.00
		Formosa	2,275.58
		Japan	606.66
		Publications	334.33
		Organization	664.00
		Miscellaneous	1,460.37
		Administration	295.41
		Deputation	50.75
		Pension	150.00
	$23,263.77		$16,396.18

FINANCIAL SURVEY

Balance on hand September 30th, 1928	$38,839.73	
Receipts	23,263.77	
Disbursements		$16,396.18
Balance in Bank		3,659.09
Pension Fund		4,978.49
Sustaining Fund		17,447.88
Legacy Fund		4,263.03
Bonds		10,720.00
Cash on hand		4,638.83
	$62,103.50	$62,103.50

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